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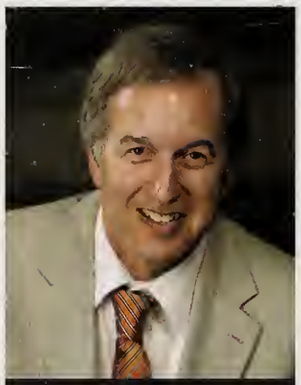

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From the Editor

by Saul Shapiro

"The Changing of the Guard" was the obvious theme for this edition of the *Wartburg Magazine*. Three high-profile positions -- held by their previous occupants for a total of nearly 70 years -- changed hands in recent months.

The lead story, of course, is Dr. Darrel D. Colson, Wartburg College's 17th president who was previously provost and dean at Centenary College of Louisiana. He succeeds Dr. Jack R. Ohle following his noteworthy 10-year tenure, with Dr. William E. Hamm '66 serving as interim president last year.

After a quarter-century with the esteemed Dr. Paul Torkelson '76 at the helm, Dr. Lee Nelson, formerly of St. Cloud (Minn.) State University, assumes direction of the Wartburg Choir and Ritterchor. The legendary Weston Noble directed in the interim.

A very familiar face on campus, the Rev. Ramona Bouzard, is the new dean of the chapel. Her much-admired colleague, the Rev. Larry Trachte, retired after 34 years. The Rev. Brian Beckstrom is the new campus pastor.

We're also introducing a new magazine editor. Rachel Hoffman Wohrlin '93 joined the Communication and Marketing staff in June as news director. Rachel was editor of *The Trumpet* and news director of KWAR before embarking on a career that included editing a weekly newspaper and doing technical and grant writing in the Denver, Colo., area and her native Albuquerque. Her "homecoming story" is on page 18.

She succeeds Karris Golden '98, now the editor at a Cedar Falls publishing house.

As the college studies ways to reduce expenses, readers were surveyed last spring about their preferred format for the magazine -- and 830 of you responded. Most (38 percent) still wanted the print version only, while 33 percent indicated a preference for an e-mail with a link to the online magazine (complete with page flipper) and 29 percent wanted it both ways.

You will be receiving an e-mail link to the online format of this edition. If you choose, you can opt out of the print edition. If you do so and later change your mind, you are welcome to opt back in again.

We're delighted that 95 percent of you are very satisfied (79 percent) or somewhat satisfied (16 percent) with the magazine's contents. If you have story ideas, let Rachel know (rachel.wohrlin@wartburg.edu or 319-352-8277).

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During their visit to Wartburg in May, Wartburg's 17th president, Dr. Darrel D. Colson, and his wife, Christy, posed for this photo taken by Bo Ellison of Bo Studio 121 in Waverly.

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Love of books, learning propelled Colson to Wartburg presidency

by Saul Shapiro

Dr. Darrel Colson chats with former Wartburg basketball coach Lewis "Buzz" Levick following the Wartburg Booster Club golf tourney, Aug. 6, at Centennial Oaks in Waverly.

President Darrel Colson, Ph.D., is an admitted "bookworm." With his self-deprecating sense of humor, he owns up to his Shreveport, La., high school nickname of "Waldo," because "I had the poor judgment to let on that I actually enjoyed reading Emerson."

That perceived lapse in judgment may have been an anomaly for Wartburg College's 17th president, who assumed responsibilities July 1.

During Colson's spring visit to campus to meet with faculty, staff and students, his answers were thoughtful, often invoking references from Aristotle to Emerson, and clearly attuned to possible ramifications.

"He's a good listener," said Fred Hagemann, chairman of the Wartburg College Board of Regents. "He's very welcoming. His door will always be open. There will be a lot transparency in his administration."

> "Together, we will raise the visibility of the college."
>
> – Darrel Colson

Before coming to Wartburg, Colson, 54, was the chief academic officer – provost and dean – for seven years at Centenary College of Louisiana in Shreveport.

He laid the foundation for his career in academia as a first-generation college student, graduating *summa cum laude* from Louisiana State University, while majoring in philosophy. His master's and doctorate degrees in philosophy are from Vanderbilt University. He taught at Western Carolina University, the Louisiana Scholars' College at Northwestern State University, and Pepperdine University.

Colson's wife, Christy, taught elementary school and was a preschool administrator. They were high school sweethearts who married while students at LSU. They have two children: Rachel, a practicing attorney in Washington, D.C., and Jacob, an environmental consultant in Honolulu.

"Dr. Colson is a wonderful fit for Wartburg," said Dr. Edith Waldstein, vice president for enrollment management and a member of the search committee, citing his extensive background in liberal arts education, administration and "a particular affinity for – and understanding of – Lutheran higher education."

"The Board of Regents looks for different qualities in a president at different times," Hagemann said, "and we felt that an emphasis on improving our exposure, both regionally and nationally, as a fine academic institution meshed well with his qualities and his vision for Wartburg."

Although he is an Episcopalian, Colson is well versed in Lutheran higher education.

"I have long been drawn to the values and character of Lutheran higher education, and I have long held a very high opinion of Wartburg College," Colson said. "As I learned more about Wartburg's specific mission to educate students whose leadership and service express their learning and faith, I knew that our values – mine and Wartburg's – were a perfect match."

He foresees a "boundless future" for Wartburg.

"Wartburg is perfectly positioned to capitalize on its physical improvements, to build on its academic growth, and to revitalize its commitment to its core goals through the Commission on Mission," Colson said. "My job as president will be to help direct and channel the positive energy on campus."

"Together," he added, "we will raise the visibility of the college across the country so that even more people will know of its excellence."

Q&A with President Darrel D. Colson

You have said you were a bookworm as a child, yet neither of your parents went to college. How did you develop this love of reading and learning?
I don't know how I became a bookworm. My mom really encouraged reading when I was a child, and although she'd not been to college, she really valued education, making it clear from the very start that I'd go to college. I was always a dutiful student, reading most of what my teachers prescribed.

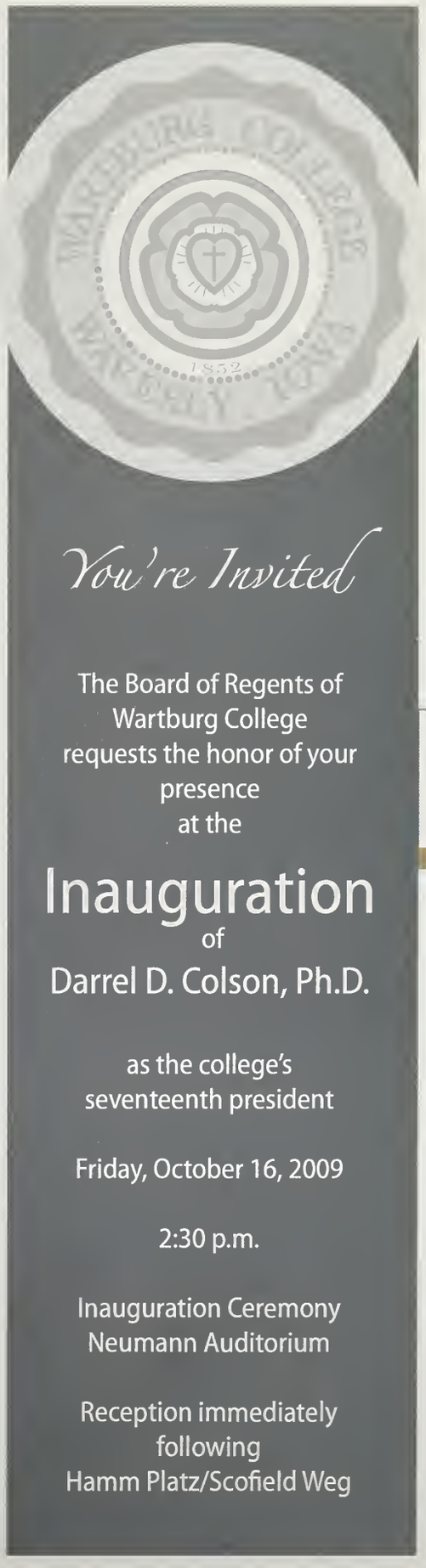
You also have written that Louisiana State University was a "poor fit" for you, but that it was a "terrific experience — transformational." Expand on that a bit, particularly in regard to personal transformation.
What I was trying to say is that if I'd known what I was doing when I went to college, I would have been better off to choose a different place, a place more like Wartburg where the school's animating purpose is to educate undergraduate students. I did have a terrific experience, but largely because of some really dedicated teachers who themselves didn't fit the mold of what LSU expected of them. Indeed, some of my favorite teachers didn't last long at LSU because they spent too much time with students, too little time doing research. I think that what my teachers really did for me was open up regions of human experience that I really didn't even know existed.

As an "active Episcopalian," you have considerable insight into the value of a Lutheran education. How did that transpire? Did it predate your daughter's studies at St. Olaf?
When I was at Pepperdine, I had the opportunity to spend time with colleagues and scholars who were studying and writing about the relationship between the Church and Church-related schools. Through them and the Lilly Foundation, I was able to learn a lot about how different faith communities approach education. My interest in the topic predated my daughter's interest in St. Olaf, but I did attend a fascinating conference there when she was a student. A book about Lutheran education came out of that conference, *Called to Serve*, edited by DeAne Lagerquist.

You stated you want to help other people have the same "life-changing experiences" that you had. What's the formula for achieving that?
I don't have a magic answer, but I've always felt that if I, as a teacher, followed a few basic principles, I'd be helpful to my students: I like to challenge them to think about things that they don't routinely think about and didn't realize they were able to think about; I emphasize that I'm available to help, that is, that I'm not just throwing them into the deep end and walking away; and I stress that I'm still a student myself, that I have much to learn and that every class is really a joint exploration that tests me as well as them.

At the first Minneapolis Outfly, you spoke eloquently about the value of a liberal arts education as the foundation for success throughout life. Expound upon that, particularly since 2009-10 is the Year of the Liberal Arts.
We in higher education often speak of the liberal arts as indispensable for life. In the past, the liberal arts were the disciplines appropriate for free people to study. In our time, the term refers to the intellectual abilities that characterize free people, as well as the studies that develop and enhance those abilities. When we try to specify the liberal arts, we sometimes speak of subjects of study. Sometimes we speak of the conceptual skills and capacities that we intend to impart in a liberal education. However we specify them, I really do believe in their indispensability; I really do believe that these arts are essential for each person to live the free life — free of prejudice, free to deliberate and to pursue truth, free to participate fully as a citizen.

(Board of Regents Chairman) Fred Hagemann has stated that you are the right person for this moment at Wartburg given that most of the infrastructure needs — at least bricks and mortar — have been addressed. How do you see the campus environment? What will be your priorities in moving Wartburg forward?
My experiences have largely tended toward program development and delivery. When I look at Wartburg, I am "wowed" by the campus facilities, but I am just as "wowed" by the programs in place, both the academic programs



and the various co-curricular and extracurricular programs. I see a school whose faculty, staff and regents really are serious about challenging and nurturing students to lead and to serve as a spirited expression of their faith and learning. The courses of study, leadership opportunities, performing arts, athletic competition — all of them seem to work together in exactly the way we would want. I mentioned at the Outflys that over and over again I'm struck by the marks of excellence on the campus. Let me mention a few: The many awards won in recent months by the Center for Civic Engagement; the rapidly rising MCAT (medical school entrance exam) scores of students who choose to take the test; the three NCAA Division III championships (women's indoor and outdoor track and field and wrestling), which contributed to the 16th-place finish in the Directors' Cup; the AAC&U (American Association of Colleges and Universities) grant that is supporting collaboration between academic and student affairs. Speaking of excellence, think about this: we've recently learned that two of our alumni were selected as college or university presidents: Dan Hanson '77 at Peru (Neb.) State and Anthony Frank '81 at Colorado State University.

You have stated that you want to raise Wartburg's national profile. What characteristics distinguish Wartburg in that regard? What role can the Wartburg community as a whole play in this effort?

In my very short time with the college, I've seen program after program that is achieving excellence and that warrants serious notice. Moreover, we are receiving national attention — from the Washington Center (one of five schools honored for service), from the AAC&U, from the NCAA and so on. We need to be sure that every high school student and her or his parents knows of these facts; indeed, we need to be sure that every person within earshot knows of what we are doing. In *Walden*, Thoreau writes a marvelous sentence in which he proposes to "to brag as lustily as chanticleer in the morning, standing on his roost, if only to wake [his] neighbors up." Obviously, the context is different, but I want us to brag as lustily as a chanticleer about Wartburg, about its achievements and its promise, and wake our neighbors up. I want us to be as visible as possible on the regional and national stage: making sure that faculty and staff are sought after to make presentations at conferences, expanding the reach of students who travel to share their scholarship or to serve others, inviting prominent people to campus to share their wisdom, while making sure that they leave the campus indelibly impressed with our excellence.

In this economic environment, colleges are increasingly competing (especially in this region) to attract students and donors and maintain their financial health. How do you propose to address that?

Carefully, thoughtfully, strategically, and yet ambitiously. As I've said, Wartburg has terrific strengths, strengths that many people do not know about. I plan to ensure that each year our reach is a bit broader, a bit wider. We should seek to expand our footprint beyond our traditional "territory." As we say in our statement of distinctive characteristics, we should achieve a vigorous global outreach while maintaining our strong Midwestern roots.

Wartburg, Colson match made over 18-day period

by Saul Shapiro

A whirlwind courtship brought Dr. Darrel Colson to Wartburg College.

Colson, then provost and dean at Centenary College of Louisiana, surfaced in early spring after two leading candidates bowed out during Round One in mid-winter (one for personal reasons; the other decided to forgo administrative responsibilities).

Round Two included interviews in mid-April in Des Moines. Colson and the Wartburg search committee were brought together by mutual acquaintances, said Fred Hagemann, the chairman of the board of regents.

Colson's comments about raising Wartburg's academic standing and improving its national visibility resonated with the search committee during his April 16 interview. "His vision meshed with our vision," Hagemann said. "It was like a light bulb went on. We called him before he left town."

Although Colson is an Episcopalian, Hagemann said the committee was impressed that Colson "probably understands Lutheran higher education as well as most Lutheran scholars." In addition, his daughter, Rachel, graduated from St. Olaf (Minn.) College, which is affiliated with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

Hagemann said the regents had anticipated a small pool of Lutheran candidates when embarking on the search. That was based upon the experience at Gustavus Adolphus (Minn.) College before it hired then Wartburg President Jack Ohle, who was approached independently of the search process. The Wartburg pool included candidates whose denominations communed with the ELCA.

A week after Colson interviewed, he was quickly brought to Wartburg, April 22-23, to meet with faculty, staff and students — at least those on campus during Tour Week.

"We were aware that he had been in another search," Hagemann said, "and they had offered him a job. We had to react to that."

After an 18-day courtship, the regents elected Colson president on May 4.

"The college has different needs at different times," Hagemann said. "We don't need a builder, although Jack Ohle was the right person for that time. We found the right fit with Darrel Colson."

Wartburg: A campus transformed

by William E. Hamm '66
Interim President, 2008-09

Bill Hamm felt right at home while riding in the 2008 Homecoming parade.

If one bleeds orange, then serving as Wartburg's president for a year ranks near the top of the list of happy opportunities. Better yet, the experience was everything I imagined it would be and more.

After 40 years as an educator and the last 10 on a national stage, I thought I was beyond surprise. *Au contraire!* I did not realize the extent to which the nature of undergraduate education at Wartburg has been transformed:

Service learning has become a key feature of education here. This past year, more than 15 percent of the student body undertook service trips during breaks. This percentage ranks us near the top of all U.S. colleges. Through Wartburg's distinct Center for Community Engagement, Campus Ministry, Volunteer Action Center and various academic programs, the opportunities for service learning abound.

Roughly 40 percent of Wartburg's students study abroad -- again, among the best rates in the nation. Twenty percent of students graduate with a minor or a certificate in leadership.

A third of our students undertake undergraduate research projects in conjunction with faculty mentors, and for more than 30 students this year, their research led to publication or to scholarly presentations at national or regional conferences.

A large number of students use our campus in Denver, Colo. (Wartburg West), to secure an especially interesting internship or student teaching experience.

Classroom teaching is transformed, too, by technology and intent. The lecture is rarer and student work in groups is typical. Late at night, every night, small groups of students dot the campus and are engaged in class work.

The library is much less a repository of books and much more of a learner's resource center. The job of librarian has been transformed, and librarians devote most of their time to information literacy – helping students learn how to find information. Plus, one also can buy a cappuccino in the library and take it to a table – something that was as unthinkable in my day as a laptop computer was.

Of course, the things I've always associated with Wartburg are still present, from abundant opportunities in media, music and athletics, to theatre and art. More than a third of our students are engaged in the arts, and more than a third are student-athletes. Student government at Wartburg is flourishing -- way more so than on most campuses.

Another big change is the expansion of technology and the related expansion of the visual media. While KWAR-FM has gone digital, the newer change is the college's television station, which broadcasts over the area cable system. I tune in most nights. Beyond this obvious change, our students use technology to transform how they communicate, both formally and informally. They still publish a paper newspaper, but everything also is online, and the focus is swiftly changing.

What all this means is that Wartburg students are deeply engaged in their learning and to an extent I could not have imagined. One of my conclusions is that the gap between a typical undergraduate education at Wartburg and a large state university has widened.

Here, with great frequency, we remind everyone that Wartburg challenges and nurtures students for lives of leadership and service as a spirited expression of their faith and learning. This is most certainly true.

"I can't express how appreciative I am to you for your mentorship and friendship when I was an intern at Wartburg. It was one of the most enjoyable and life changing years I have experienced. ... It is amazing that although I am hundreds of miles away, I am constantly hearing stories from Wartburg graduates about how you have affected their lives. It is impossible to imagine how many lives you have shaped and directed in ways known and unknown. You have created a true legacy at Wartburg."

– Pastor Jim Melvin '71

"Since the beginning of my time at Wartburg, I have heard great things about Pastor Trachte. I enjoyed taking this class and getting a glimpse into his wisdom. I felt that you truly showed us the living side of living with death. Thank you for everything you have done for the Wartburg student body."

– Sarah Stearns '10

"Professor Trachte: Overall I feel that the knowledge that was passed on and the resource of someone to trust in times of grief was the most I learned from P.T. I think that the emotional revelations that were identified in "Living With Death" of myself are enormous. I believe that I have identified some areas in my life that I have always wondered about. Thank you.

– Whitney Wedemeier '10

"Your joy and love for the students and your job made the entire class pleasurable."

– Mark Bolen '09

Trachte leaves lasting impression

by Emily Schmitt '11

More than 10,000 Wartburg students have received the benediction from the Rev. Larry Trachte at commencement. Now many speak well of him as he begins a new chapter of his life – retirement.

Trachte's warm smile and sincere words have earned him the respect of the Wartburg community. The campus pastor, fondly referred to as P.T., has spent 35 years counseling, teaching and preaching to students, faculty and staff.

On a bulletin board outside his office last spring, he plastered photos of friends, students and strangers he has connected with over the years. He might not always remember their names, but he can surely tell a story about the individuals.

"One of the things that always impresses me about P.T. is that whenever a student is mentioned, he almost always knows who that student is and he has something to say that is beautifully complimentary," said William Hamm '66, interim president. Hamm and Trachte '66 met as history majors at Wartburg.

When Trachte took the job, he never dreamed he still would be doing it 35 years later. He wasn't convinced he could be a campus pastor.

"When I came here, I thought I'd do this four or five years until I got old," he said.

But the position fit Trachte's interests perfectly, allowing him to be a counselor, pastor and teacher.

"P.T. brings pastoral heart, a deep commitment to the college and gifted preaching to his role at Wartburg," Hamm said. "There aren't many with this combination of character and skills. We'll miss him mightily."

"In his role as college pastor, his sermons and messages have enriched my life," said Linda Moeller '66, advancement communication director. Moeller graduated with Trachte and went on an alumni tour with him.

Many have enrolled in "Living With Death," a course Jean Buckingham '82 said she and others will never forget. Trachte has agreed to teach the course this year.

Buckingham was the Wartburg chapel office assistant for two years, working closely with Trachte. She enjoyed assisting him on Feed My Starving Children last spring.

"His vision and hope for changing and educating Wartburg and the community on hunger in the larger world is motivating and inspirational," Buckingham said.

Over the years, Trachte has worked with thousands of students and has guided and supported them as they transitioned to adulthood.

"He has a gift for connecting with people at their level and inspiring them to higher callings and purposes," Moeller said.

Trachte retired as campus pastor in May and plans to make more time for family, traveling, the outdoors and the house he started building 10 years ago.

"Everyone tells me you're busier in retirement than you were working," he said. "So I'm going to try really hard the first year to say no to things, but I'm already failing at that. I won't be bored."

Although he will no longer be college pastor, Trachte still will be on campus next year to teach his "Living With Death" course and to clean out his office, which he thinks will take most of the year. He also has agreed to lead two alumni tours in 2010.

Trachte said he will miss many things about Wartburg, especially the people.

"The best thing about being here is the community—the combination of talented and caring students, faculty and staff," he said. "I've had a very meaningful ministry and I've found it very rewarding."

Schmitt is a communication arts major and leadership minor from Hawkeye, Iowa.

"PT, never lose your sense of humor! Your skits with Ramona (Bouzard) or your early morning jokes as we worked to plan worship while I was still half asleep were a good time. ... I will never forget the encouragement and support you gave me. I think you believed in me a heck of a lot more than I believed in myself, a good chunk of the time. Those small words meant a great deal. ... 'It's because you care.' That's what you told me when I was unsure that I could take all the emotional drain and pain that comes with loving and losing people in our lives, as I reacted to the content of our 'Living with Death' and circumstances during my senior year."

– Jeanette Bidne '07

"Over the years I have been asked many times what led me to be a pastor. So I end up telling them about Larry Trachte. I had grown up in the church, I was fluent in the language of faith, but Larry, you brought the gospel alive to me in a way I had not experienced it. It was like the day of Pentecost: I heard the gospel being spoken in my own native language. It was like you were speaking right to me. I remember thinking if I ever became a pastor... 'that' is the kind of pastor I want to be. You encouraged my creative streak, helped me discover leadership gifts, and helped me wrestle with all kinds of questions. Thank you for being my pastor, teacher, mentor, guide and friend. May God continue to bless you as you have blessed me and so many others."

– Steve Meyer '76

Pastor Bouzard is up for new challenge

by Saul Shapiro

With the Rev. Larry Trachte set to retire last spring as campus pastor and Herbert and Cora Moehlmann Chaplaincy Chair, a nationwide search ensued to find his successor.

It led straight back to the Wartburg, as campus ministry duties were realigned.

Rev. Ramona Bouzard

The Rev. Ramona Bouzard, who has been at Wartburg since 1994, was extended a call to serve as the new dean of the chapel, heading up a new campus ministry team. The Rev. Brian Beckstrom from Community of Grace Lutheran Church in Peoria, Ariz., will serve as campus pastor, a second full-time campus ministry position.

"Pastor Bouzard has many years of experience with our campus ministry and a vision for the future," said William E. Hamm, interim president during 2008-09. "She relates wonderfully well with students, has the trust of the faculty, and a passion for the gospel. That's a pretty hard combination to beat."

Dr. Lake Lambert, professor of religion, who chaired the search committee, said, "While we considered many excellent candidates, the committee was most impressed by Pastor Bouzard. Her wealth of experience in campus ministry, superior preaching ability, and her commitment to and knowledge of young adult faith development was unparalleled."

Beckstrom is a graduate of Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter, Minn., where he served as an admissions counselor, head resident and director of church relations before completing his Master of Divinity degree at Luther Seminary in St. Paul, Minn.

Pastor Bouzard will no longer serve as director of church relations. The college is determining how to move forward in that regard. Off-campus church relations responsibilities will be delegated to others, including Ben Stadler-Ammon, the assistant director for outreach programs.

Dr. Ferol Menzel, dean of the faculty, said, "We will now have two full-time pastors who can devote their full attention to the spiritual needs of the Wartburg community, to the chapel and to the various student organizations associated with the chapel based on our mission as a college of the church."

Bouzard is up for the challenge. "It's the first time the college has made a commitment to provide two full-time campus pastors to support the college's mission of faith and learning, with a focus on students and partnerships across campus," she said.

"We have the opportunity to really move forward with Christian formation programs," she added, "with strong conversations about spiritual life and questions of meaning, faith development and added opportunity to support students in expressing their faith through creative programs. We've always done those things, but now we can ratchet it up to the next level."

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> – Rev. Ramona Bouzard

She envisions more one-on-one work with student groups "to support spiritual life on campus."

The campus ministry board is comprised of 12 non-denominational, student-led faith expression groups.

Among these groups are:

- Adopt-a-Grandparent, a partnership with Bartels Lutheran Retirement Community
- Habitat for Humanity
- Faith Alive, youth work focus
- Manna, hunger advocacy and education
- Fellowship of Christian Athletes
- Gospel Choir
- *A Knight's Armor*, a faith-based magazine
- Psalm 149, dance and worship
- Wartburg Embracing Bremwood.

"We need to ask how the gifts of a group can benefit the campus, and how we can invite students to think about the ways they can creatively share their faith and reach out to their fellow students," Bouzard said.

"The opportunity to serve as dean of the chapel is exciting and humbling, and I look forward to it as a great adventure," Bouzard said. "Personally, it means that I have the opportunity to continue to serve as a pastor, colleague and friend with a superior group of people — faculty, staff and students — in a setting that, as we state in our mission statement, both challenges and nurtures us all."

She added, "In part, I have been prepared for this new work as dean of the chapel because of the marvelous partnership I have shared with Pastor Larry Trachte, whose ministry has been a gift to

Rev. Brian Beckstrom

the college and community for nearly 40 years."

Bouzard, who is married to the Rev. Dr. Walter (Chip) Bouzard, a professor of religion at Wartburg, is the daughter of the Rev. Henry C. and Ruth H. Schadeberg. The Bouzards have a daughter, Green, a junior at St. Olaf College, and a son, Gabriel, a senior at Waverly-Shell Rock High School.

Bouzard received her bachelor's degree in history from the University of Texas and her Master of Divinity from Luther Seminary. Previously, she served as pastor of King of Glory Lutheran Church in Houston and Trinity Lutheran Church in Fairless Hills, Pa.

Both Bouzard and Beckstrom will be officially installed in their positions on Sunday, Oct. 11, during Family Weekend worship.

Christmas with Wartburg to feature new Des Moines venue, Nelson as producer

When Wartburg Choir Director Dr. Lee Nelson raises his baton in Des Moines for Christmas with Wartburg this year, the setting will be different.

The Des Moines concert will be at Lutheran Church of Hope in West Des Moines. With the Des Moines Civic Center unavailable, concert planners searched for a venue that could seat approximately the same number of people.

"We're excited about this partnership with Lutheran Church of Hope and are pleased to offer Christmas with Wartburg in its beautiful, state-of-the-art sanctuary," said the Rev. Ramona Bouzard, dean of the Wartburg Chapel.

Nelson joins Wartburg College to direct the Wartburg Choir and Ritterchor and to serve as executive producer of Christmas with Wartburg. Nelson succeeds Dr. Paul Torkelson, who retired last year after 25 years of directing his alma mater's choir.

Tidings of Great Joy! is the theme of the 62nd annual Christmas with Wartburg, which also features a revised concert schedule.

Performances will be:

Friday, Dec. 4, in Neumann Auditorium at 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 5, at Lutheran Church of Hope in West Des Moines at 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 6, in Neumann Auditorium at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Seats are reserved for the Neumann Auditorium concerts, and general seating is available for the Des Moines performances.

Tickets go on sale Monday, Nov. 2, for $15 each with no shipping and handling fees. Meals will be offered to the public prior to all concerts. To order tickets, go to www.wartburg.edu/christmas to order online or call the Ticket Office at 319-352-8691. Hours are from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday-Friday at the Saemann Student Center Information Center.

To purchase a copy of last year's Christmas with Wartburg CD, ***Christ's Star: The Light of the World***, go to www.wartburg.edu/christmas/recordings/.

Nelson promises innovation as Wartburg Choir director

by Saul Shapiro and Rachel Wohrlin

With his recently conferred doctorate, Lee Nelson is poised to direct the Wartburg Choir. If the recent all-state Meistersinger music camps are any indication, Nelson will be a big success.

Dr. Paul Torkelson, who retired in May, and Nelson shared the directing duties at the camps this summer, and their interchangeability was extraordinary. The high school students maintained composure from piece to piece and director to director. A true sense of kinship reflected from the stage of Neumann Auditorium during rehearsal.

Dr. Lee Nelson

Nelson most recently conducted the St. Cloud (Minn.) State University Concert Choir and Chamber Singers. Since 2005, he built that program from 68 singers and one vocal music education major to 200 singers and more than 50 vocal education majors.

"He is a rising star" and "a very special person in the field of choral conducting," said Terry Vermillion, chairman of the St. Cloud State music department.

Nelson won the first-place award in the graduate division of the American Choral Directors Association National Conducting Competition, a prestigious award, according to Torkelson.

"I believe he will bring a great deal of intensity and passion to the position and a strong appreciation and respect for the tradition of the Wartburg Choir and Wartburg College," Torkelson said.

Nelson also is an innovator, bringing new choral works dealing with anti-Semitism to the sites of former Nazi death camps during a two-week European tour.

Nelson cited Wartburg's "tradition of choral excellence" as a reason he was attracted to the position. In addition to the Wartburg Choir, he will direct the Ritterchor — the men's or "Knights' choir."

"I was drawn to a school with a strong Lutheran choral tradition," he said. "The mission of Wartburg College encapsulates the reasons I went into choral education. It is an institution of outstanding scholarship, strong core values and filled with musical excellence."

William E. Hamm, 2008-09 interim president, said Nelson is "committed to the sacred a cappella repertoire we sing. He's a graduate of a sister institution (Concordia College in Moorhead, Minn.) with a mission almost identical to ours, and he is committed to our goal of having one of the finest undergraduate choirs in the nation. He's just an excellent fit."

Nelson inherits a rich choral heritage at Wartburg.

"How many other groups can say they truly have a tradition not based on a cult of personality?" Torkelson asked.

This was apparent not only at the Meistersinger music camps but at the Wartburg Choir Reunion in June. Of the 50 choir alumni present, the population was evenly divided among people who sang under Dr. Edwin Liemohn (1937-68), Dr. James Fritschel (1968-84) and Dr. Paul Torkelson (1984-2009).

Under Torkelson, a 1976 Wartburg alumnus, the Wartburg Choir gained national acclaim. A *Washington Post* review in 2004 described the choir's "enthralling concert" at the Kennedy Center under the headline, "A mighty fortress of skill."

Torkelson believes the choir is in good hands with Nelson.

"I am proud to have served my alma mater for 25 years," he said, "and I look forward to hearing the choir in the future under Lee's direction. I wish him the best for future success with the choir."

Nelson said he will build upon existing Wartburg Choir tradition.

"Each choir director — Liemohn, Fritschel, Torkelson — has brought something to the college. It is my hope to expand upon Christmas with Wartburg," Nelson said. "I want to be the 'new eyes' of Christmas with Wartburg.

"I want it to be a worship service, not just a performance. It should be a time for reflection, celebration and participation."

As far as the Wartburg Choir's repertoire for 2009-10, Nelson envisions "a celebration of Lutheran choral music," including pieces by F. Melius Christiansen and Bach. However, Nelson has promised to keep the traditional songs, *Give Me Jesus*, arranged by Larry Fleming, and *Hark, I Hear the Harps Eternal*, arranged by Alice Parker.

Nelson conducting the Meistersinger all-state music camp this summer.

Nelson, who grew up on a North Dakota farm, is a 1996 *summa cum laude* graduate of Concordia with a Bachelor of Music degree. He continued his studies at Westminster Choir College (N.J) and earned a Master of Music degree from the University of Arizona in 2003. He finished his Doctor of Musical Arts degree over the summer at the University of Arizona.

Nelson taught at Blaine (Minn.) High School from 1996-2002 and was an instructor and conductor at the University of Arizona before moving to St. Cloud State.

As a singer, he performed in 2000 with the men's ensemble on Garrison Keillor's *Prairie Home Companion* weekly radio show. He is founding artistic director and conductor of the Great River Chorale and the Paramount Festival Chorus and Orchestra, which has performed Handel's *Messiah* at the Paramount Theater and Visual Arts Center in St. Cloud since 2006.

Nelson's wife, Rachael, also is involved in music. The two were college choir sweethearts who fell in love while on tour in Russia, Nelson said. Rachael has taught elementary music for 10 years and started a Kindermusik business (music classes for infants through 6 year olds).

The Nelsons have three children — Emma, 7, Jonah, 3, and Kate, born in May.

Torkelson answers call to conduct at Carnegie Hall

After 25 years as director of the Wartburg Choir and Zahn Chair for choral conducting, Dr. Paul Torkelson has passed the conductor's baton to Dr. Lee Nelson.

"I am incredibly proud to have been — to be — a part of the Wartburg choral tradition," said Torkelson. "I feel like this is an inheritance that I received and will now pass along to the next director."

Torkelson now works as conductor-in-residence for MidAmerica Productions, which arranges concerts at Carnegie Hall in New York City. His duties range from recruiting presenters to preparing adult, church and high school choirs for performances. He is one of six conductors-in-residence and worked in New York while on leave before deciding to retire from Wartburg.

"A lot of preparation goes into a performance at Carnegie Hall," he said. "Choirs work hard for months, and I am brought in to prepare them for the stage."

Dr. Paul Torkelson

This often involves travel to other cities such as Boston, where Torkelson recently coached a high school choir.

Torkelson carefully researched New York City's five boroughs and various neighborhoods before settling into a one-bedroom apartment in a gated community on the northern edge of Staten Island. While the price — $1,250 per month — may seem steep to a current Wartburg student seeking off-campus housing, "a similar place in Manhattan would go for three times as much," Torkelson pointed out.

With a quick walk to the Staten Island Ferry Terminal, a 25-minute ferry to Manhattan and a bus or subway ride, Torkelson arrives at his work digs — an office in midtown Manhattan near the Empire State Building — in around 45 minutes.

The tree-lined streets of Staten Island sometimes remind him of Iowa, a place never far from his heart.

"In Iowa, the space is larger, the pace is slower and the atmosphere quieter," Torkelson said. "Here, the city is on full volume all the time."

As far as the benefits of New York City over a smaller town, he quickly cited the plethora of restaurants. Torkelson's choice of favorite fare sounds strikingly similar to a Wartburg Choir tour itinerary, with the cuisines of Italy, Austria, Greece and Germany high on the list.

"Ah, the food. There are so many restaurants I love," he said. "For brunch on Sunday, you can usually find me at one of the many wonderful restaurants in Soho."

A true natural

Akeya Aimable sweeps D-III triple jump national championships in first year jumping

by Mike Ferlazzo, special correspondent to Wartburg Magazine

Akeya Aimable '09 came to Wartburg as a highly decorated sprinter from nearby Waterloo West High. And she entered her collegiate senior season with an accomplished track record, too.

A three-time All-American on sprint relays, Aimable began the season as one of the Iowa Conference's top sprinters — finishing third last season in both the 55-meter dash indoors and 100-meter dash outdoors. So it seemed as if she was fulfilling her collegiate destiny.

Yet she told jumps coach Dave Sage during off-season workouts that she wanted to become an All-American in an individual event. And Sage was more than happy to oblige — once they got Head Coach Marcus Newsom's blessing.

Even though Aimable had never jumped in high school, Sage noticed she had natural jumping ability during plymetric drills during the last two seasons.

"We would do squat jumps, and I would say 'Coach (Newsom), look at her (Aimable) beside the guys. She's jumping further than the guys,'" said Sage, who was a legendary boys track and cross country head coach at Waverly-Shell Rock High School.

But Newsom still needed to be convinced before allowing one of his prized sprinters to experiment in the jumps.

"As a head coach, you're talking about her being a very successful sprinter. So my jumps coach had to convince me that we should do this because I wasn't completely convinced," Newsom said. "But I also wanted her to have a good senior year, too, and with being pretty deep in the sprints, I agreed to let her try it."

Akeya Aimable '09 and Kelsey Steffens '09 hoist the NCAA Division III outdoor track and field championship trophy high after the Knights completed a sweep of the indoor and outdoor titles last May. Aimable was a key component in both titles, winning the triple jump at each event.

The rest, as they say, is history. Aimable tried the triple jump at the start of the indoor season. She proved to be a natural, winning the NCAA Division III indoor national championship just six weeks after her first meet and adding the outdoor national title in May.

Aimable was actually a natural from the first time she tried to mimic the event's highly technical steps as demonstrated by Wartburg's conference men's triple jump champion, Damoan Lott '10 of Aurora, Colo. A gifted athlete, she seemed to make it look as easy as a hop, skip and jump.

"The first practice when we were doing some technique, I got the concept of it kind of quick," Aimable said. "It was kind of surprising."

"There was no awkward part of it for her, even from the very first time she went down the runway and did it," Sage said. "We did real short approaches and did short stuff. I had to sit down on a chair, my heart was pounding so much. I was just amazed at how easy it was for her to do it."

Aimable didn't debut in her new event until Wartburg's fourth meet on Jan. 31 -- a home dual meet with Augustana (Ill.) College. Despite using a short approach and slow, deliberate style, she managed to win her first triple jump at 36-6¼.

"The first time we competed her at 52 feet (the length of her approach), and she almost made a school

Knights join Division III elite

Wartburg's national championships in women's indoor and outdoor track and field and wrestling made it part of an elite club in 2008-09. There were only two schools in NCAA Division III to accomplish the feat, with Messiah College of Pennsylvania winning titles in men's and women's soccer and softball.

The accomplishment is made even more impressive by taking a look back at the past decade. Only three other schools join Wartburg and Messiah in the exclusive circle: Washington University of Missouri (2007-08), Williams College of Massachusetts (2001-02), and the University of Wisconsin at La Crosse with an amazing eight times in the span.

record," Sage said. "The coaches from the other teams were saying 'Why is she only going 52 feet and at half speed?' And I said, 'Because she's learning.'"

Sage moved Aimable back on the runway to 62 feet the following week at the Wartburg Select, and she promptly broke the school record for the first time at 38-2¾ (11.65 meters), a provisional qualifying jump. He then had her move back farther as she won at the Iowa Conference indoor championship meet and set a new meet record (37-10½) on Feb. 28. One week later at the Iowa State University NCAA qualifier, she broke the school record again -- this time automatically qualifying for the NCAA meet with a jump of 39-1¼ (11.92 meters).

"I started getting confidence the second meet when I got 11.60 (meters), which was provo (provosional qualifying) and I was like 'Wow, this is kind of fun, and I like doing this. I could do this more,'" Aimable said. "And then once we got to the Iowa State qualifier, and I got 11.9, I was like 'Hmm, this is going to be interesting (at nationals).'"

She took a full approach at indoor nationals where she beat defending champion and senior Caitlin Schetter of Wisconsin-La Crosse, soaring to yet another school record at 39-6. Aimable's jump was equally big for the team, which beat La Crosse for the title, 51-41.5.

"Oh, it was big," Newsom said. "I think her performance kicked off Day Two, and it really just gave us a huge lift momentumwise for everybody to start to perform after that. So I think what she did made a significant difference in the outcome of our national meet."

"I just stayed focused the best that I could going into (nationals) prelims," Aimable said. "I knew that I needed to get into finals.

"The point situation I didn't really think about much because I just wanted to get through it," she said. "It was my first time, and I just wanted to do something. But going into the finals, that was when I started getting into it a little bit more and having more motivation and drive just to get out there and do my best."

Aimable's learning curve continued into the outdoor season, when she had to learn how to contend with a new challenge: the elements -- wind, rain and cold. She also learned what it was like to compete as a national champion.

She got a good education at the famed Drake Relays. Aimable was the only Division III jumper invited to complete in the University/ College Division competition. Amid a cold, steady rain, she struggled with the elements and strained a hamstring in the process.

Yet she had already provisionally qualified for outdoor nationals with a jump of 38-4¼. And with the sweep of the indoor and outdoor titles completed shortly thereafter, Aimable completed her remarkable story.

"The only person in comparison to Akeya is Dia Dohlman, our javelin thrower who was a two-time national champion," Newsom said. "That is only because in the state of Iowa, nobody throws the javelin. So Dia learned how to throw the javelin, and in her first year throwing the javelin as a freshman, she was a national champion."

But Newsom points out that Dohlman had a whole year to learn the javelin. Aimable had less than two months prior to the beginning of the indoor season. She even surprised herself.

"I would have never thought about it (winning a national championship)," she said. "Starting off, I was like 'OK, I can maybe get some points at conference.' And it wasn't until we actually got to nationals that I thought that I could maybe place in the top five. And I don't know, just that competition got to me, and it fueled my fire.

"I kind of wanted to go out my senior year with a bang," said Aimable. "I always thought I could at least be an All-American, but I never thought in my wildest dreams that I would be a national champion."

Aimable experienced other senior success too, landing a job at IBM in Dubuque as a technical support specialist. Given her track record, she appears well prepared to master whatever challenges lie ahead.

Wartburg softball found itself in familiar territory again last spring, producing a 37-8 record and berths in the Iowa Conference and NCAA Division III national tournaments. Angela Hartwig '09 of Long Grove helped highlight the year with her second National Fastpitch Coaches Association Division III All-American award.

Jerrold Martijn '09 of Oranjestaud, Aruba, fires another strike for the Knights' baseball team during the 2009 campaign. His two complete-game wins in a 48-hour period at the Iowa Conference championships helped lead head coach Joel Holst's team to three wins during the final day and an automatic bid to the NCAA Division III national tournament.

Chris Reck '12 of Winthrop added his name to the Wartburg men's golf honor roll by claiming meet medalist honors at the 2009 Iowa Conference Championships in April. He was the ninth Knights player to finish first at the conference tournament.

Germany soccer trek benefits seen beyond playing field

by Mark Adkins '90

Kyle Schauls '10 didn't need long to think about his favorite part of an April trip to Germany.

"Getting to know the other guys on the trip was great," the Waterloo native said in reference to the 2009 Knights men's and women's soccer teams taking a 10-day competition and touring excursion. "The bonding for both the men's and women's teams was very important. That type of thing could lead to strong results when we begin the 2009 season in August."

Members of Wartburg's men's and women's soccer teams pose for a picture overlooking the town of Eisenach, a sister city of Waverly.

Head coach T.J. Buchholz's squads produced differing results, but the overall aspect of importance was not in wins and losses, according to the head coach.

"I did see some things from individual players that I liked in regard to getting ready for next season," he admitted. "However, the bonding between the players on each team and even with me as a head coach was very special.

Annie Fangman '10 of Winthrop fires a pass down field during action from a women's exhibition match on the team's Germany spring trip. The women finished 1-2 during match play, while the men ended 2-1.

"It was important for me to be able to sort of let my hair down a little on this trip and have the men and women see me as a tourist right along with them," he added. "I hadn't had that opportunity yet. It helped me build some relationships with the players that I feel will serve us all well as we get ready for the 2009 season."

The trip even afforded the Knights head coach a chance to play with the men's team in several situations. "I'm not sure how much of a help I was, but it was a lot of fun to be able to connect with them on that level," he said, with a smile.

Fans of the German Bundesliga II soccer club FC Stuttgart go wild during a mid-April match at which members of the Wartburg men's and women's teams were present as part of a 10-day trip.

The trip, which ran from April 17-27, featured three matches against various German club squads for both teams, touring the countryside and specific historical landmarks which included a World War II concentration camp, and a trip to a German professional soccer league (Bundesliga II) match among other opportunities.

Geoff Miller '10 noted the professional soccer match as a highlight.

"It was absolutely awesome," the St. Louis, Mo., native said. "It's great to see how another part of the world treats the true game of football. The fans never sat down, always cheering throughout the match. I'll never forget it."

Schauls' remarks about the visit to Buchenwald also portrayed the importance of the trip on a historical level:

"One of the most shocking parts of the camp was the crematorium. Witnessing this sight of thousands of murders was a gut-wrenching experience. As we guided ourselves throughout the rest of the camp, hardly a word was spoken among the group ... nothing need be said. We walked further into camp, entering an art exhibit demonstrating the atrocities that took place in the camp during the 1940s. The pictures caused a stir of feelings – anger, sadness and shock. No words can adequately describe the scenes and emotions that these photos captured. We left the Buchenwald concentration camp slowly and sadly. The mood on the bus was much more somber on our trip away from the camp than it had been on the way toward it."

Even with the stark realities of the concentration camp visit, the overall mood of the program during the experience was a positive one, according to Buchholz.

"The entire journey was wonderful -- on all levels," he said. "We are hoping to keep this as a traditional event, but haven't decided on the regularity and the destination yet. I think this is important for our student-athletes, not only for the competition side, but also for the learning opportunities they get from other cultures as students."

Worth Repeating

One of the greatest

rewards of serving in a college community is to see and celebrate the manifold gifts of you, our students — the privilege of watching your lives unfold, literally seeing your gifts blossom, your personhood develop during these four years at Wartburg College.

– College Pastor Larry Trachte '66 in the 2009 Baccalaureate sermon, *"To Be Continued"*

Wartburg

is our safety net. This fabulous education and network of family and friends is what we can fall back on. We have learned who we are, who we want to be and how to appreciate the lessons that really matter. While we may feel lost and scared that we cannot always determine where we are going, we can take comfort in the fact that we DO determine how we get there and whom we take with us.

– Kaitlin Doyle '09, Des Moines, Iowa, speaking at the Senior Dinner on March 30

I want to say

THANK YOU to Wartburg College for giving me the tools to pursue and achieve all my dreams in life, academically, professionally and spiritually.

– Dr. Lindsay Diehl '05 of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., in a note to the Alumni Office after earning her doctorate in physical therapy and receiving the Dean's Award for the Highest Academic Achievement at Nova Southeastern University

I have learned

how to stand thick and stable amidst torrential downpours of challenges faced every day. Through this great institution, I have learned the value of leadership and service, faith and reflection. Most importantly, I have learned to be the best and give my best.

– Nwabunie Nwana '09 of Nigeria, speaking at the Senior Dinner on March 30

I've been able

to come to work every day with a smile on my face. I truly enjoy what I do. The thing I'm going to miss most about retiring is not being with the kids every day.

– Ronald Helmers '67, commenting in the *Caledonia (Minn.) Argus* about his retirement as Caledonia Area middle school/high school principal

I was the first person in my family

to graduate from college, and when I was selecting a college, financial aid was a major consideration. If it hadn't been for scholarships, including the Wartburg Women's Scholarship, there is no way I could have attended Wartburg.

– Cari Blatchford Stoltz '04, Omaha, Neb., reflecting on Wartburg Women's 70th anniversary. The organization has provided more than $70,000 to deserving students since awarding its first scholarship in 1947. Funds come from cakes, cookies and fruit baskets that members provide to students.

In education,

numbers alone do not tell an accurate story. For example, 'No Child Left Behind' has had a controlling role, and few children will move ahead. … The brightest students lose opportunities because teachers are forced to teach to the test, because there must be this quantitative reckoning to external overseers.

– Dr. Georgia Nugent, president of Kenyon College in Gambier, Ohio, and an active scholar and leader in higher education, speaking at a March 19 Learning Task Force symposium

Learning

and social development occurs when the disequilibrium is caused by introducing perspectives that depart from the embedded worldview. The challenge of a (college) instructor is to create those moments of disequilibrium and bring students back to equilibrium.

– Dr. Sylvia Hurtado, professor and director of the UCLA Higher Education Research Institute, speaking at a March 18 Learning Task Force symposium

We want to

rethink ourselves to a large extent from teachers of content to teachers of skills. And as students, we want to rethink ourselves from receivers of content to people who build skills that will help us build more fulfilling lives.

– Mark Prensky, writer, futurist and inventor in education, technology and learning, speaking at a March 11 Learning Task Force symposium

1952

Dr. **HERBERT HILDEBRANDT**, Ann Arbor, Mich., received a major University of Michigan research grant to update his China comparative studies on U.S. and Chinese managers. Wartburg awarded him an honorary degree at this year's Commencement.

1957

Dr. **GERALD BUCKLER**, Pontiac, Ill., was elected president of the Illinois Snowbird Club, a group with approximately 200 members.

RICHARD LARSON, Sugar Grove, Ill., retired in May 2008 as a circuit judge. A former Aurora, Ill., trial attorney, Larson became an associate judge in 1991 and was appointed to the circuit court in 2006. He is a past vice president of the Kane County Bar Foundation.

1960

RO FOEGE, Mount Vernon, Iowa, did not seek reelection after completing 12 years in the Iowa House of Representatives, where he chaired the Health and Human Services Appropriations Committee and co-chaired the Health Care Reform Commission. He now teaches part-time in the School of Social Work and College of Public Health at the University of Iowa.

DARLENE ARNS GRING, Michigan City, Ind., retired after 32 years of elementary teaching with St. Paul Lutheran Schools. She is an ELCA Associate in Ministry and continues to work with Christian education at St. Paul Lutheran Church.

MEREDITH LIEMOHN, Louisville, Tenn., has opened Smoky Mountain Recreation Properties, LLC, a real estate company participating with Cabela's Trophy Properties. She is responsible for 23 counties in East Tennessee from the Georgia line to the Virginia line. She also continues as a shareholder in Town & Country Realtors of E. TN, Inc.

1961

DON POPPEN and Audrey Bettin, Sun City West, Ariz., were married Dec. 8, 2007.

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1964

NANCY KEEL, Muscatine, Iowa, retired after 39 years as a drama instructor at Muscatine Community College.

LEOTA GEBERS LENNING, Wheaton, Ill., retired in February as coordinator/bookkeeper with the ELCA Division for Global Mission, Chicago.

1965

LYNDA HUNTLEY JOBMAN, Kenosha, Wis., was promoted to vice president of consulting services with American City Bureau, Inc. She works with consultants serving clients in the Midwest as they prepare for capital or endowment campaigns.

The Rev. **Alfred Kruse**, Washington, Iowa, retired as pastor of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, Readlyn.

1966

The Rev. **DELBERT SAILER**, Roseville, Minn., retired as pastor of Grace Lutheran Church, Thiensville, Wis.

1967

JOYCE WHITVER CRAWLEY, Byron Center, Mich., retired after 27 years of teaching German.

Dr. **LARRY CRAWLEY**, Byron Center, Mich., retired after 33 years with E.I. DuPont. He was global technology director for DuPont Automotive Products.

RON HELMERS, Caledonia, Minn., retired June 30 as middle school and high school principal in the Caledonia Public Schools.

1970

CRISTY FOSSUM, Columbia, S.C., has completed her second novel, *Sunday by Sunday II*, part of a fictional trilogy about small town church life. An April 17 book launch at the Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary benefited the seminary's New Life Fund. Learn more at www.sundaybysunday.com.

1972

JEFF GILMORE, Algona, Iowa, was appointed mayor of Algona in June 2008.

1973

DALE FOX, Strawberry Point, Iowa, retired from teaching in the Starmont School District. He continues to operate his own business, Strawberry Computing, and serves as mayor of Strawberry Point.

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1974

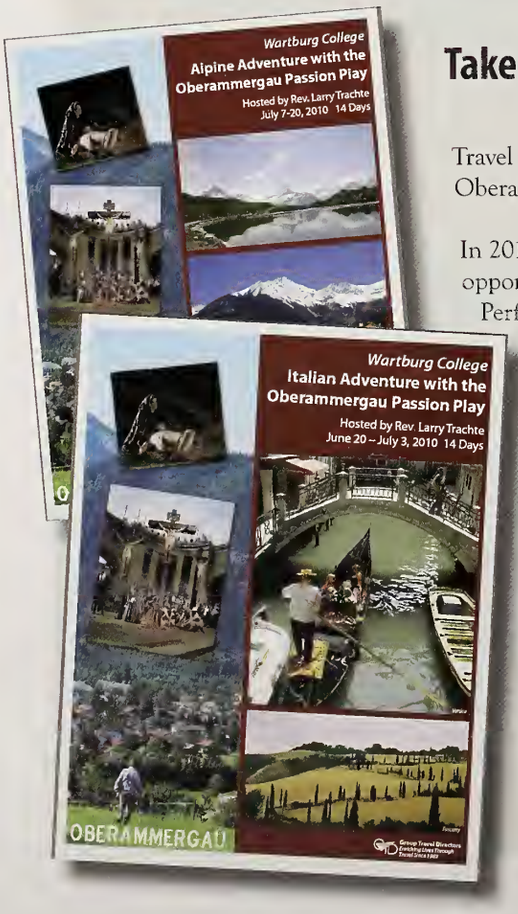
REBECCA ROD, Moscow, Idaho, received the Women's Center Virginia Wolf Distinguished Service Award from the University of Idaho in recognition of her work for gender justice on the campus and in the community. She has worked at the University of Idaho for 25 years.

1975

MARK GUTHRIE, Fitchburg, Wis., was inducted into the United States Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association Hall of Fame on Dec. 17, 2008, in Phoenix, Ariz.

1976

DENNIS HARRINGTON, Ellicott City, Md., received the 2009 CoStar Group Marketing Leadership Award, presented each year to the "individual displaying exemplary performance,



Take a trip with Trachte, see Passion Play

Travel to Europe with the Rev. Larry Trachte to experience the Oberammergau Passion Play.

In 2010, Wartburg alumni and friends will have two opportunities to see the Oberammergau Passion Play. Performed in this beautiful alpine village every 10 years since 1634, this amazing seven-hour production involves more than 2,000 performers, musicians and residents of the village.

Though both tours will visit Oberammergau, each tour will have a different flair. "Italian Adventure" will feature stops in Venice, Assisi and three days in Rome. Those who choose the "Alpine Adventure" will spend time in Salzburg, Innsbruck and Vienna.

Italian Adventure June 20–July 3, 2010
Alpine Adventure July 7–20, 2010

For more information, visit www.wartburg.edu/alumni/programs.html.

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1977

Dr. **DANIEL HANSON** is president of Peru State College, Peru, Neb. He was formerly vice president for academic affairs and dean at Waldorf College in Forest City, Iowa.

1978

LYNETTE ELLERBUSCH ERICKSON, Lincoln, Neb., is teaching in the Masters in Counseling program at Doane College. She is a partner and psychotherapist with Southwood Psychotherapy Center.

EVALENE ESK MARTIN has joined the faculty of Allen College, Waterloo, Iowa, as director of a new diagnostic medical sonography (DMS) program. She previously served as program director of the Michigan School of Cardiovascular Sonography in Gaylord, Mich.

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1979

The Rev. **CHARLES WOLFF**, Sioux City, Iowa, celebrated his 25th anniversary of ordination in December 2008.

1980

Dr. **DENNIS BRICAULT**, Chicago, Ill., received the Zenos Hawkinson Award in Teaching Excellence and Campus Leadership at the April 2009 Honors Convocation at North Park University. He is a professor of Spanish and English as a Second Language and serves as chair of the foreign language department.

KARLENE KISCHER-BROWNE, Waterloo, Iowa, passed the Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf (RID) national Certificate of Interpretation (CI) exam. She holds the CI and Certificate of Transliterations (CT) generalist certificates and is fully certified and licensed to practice. Karlene teaches courses in American Sign Language and Deaf Studies at Wartburg.

1981

KEVIN "KC" ROBB, Independence, Iowa, was mobilized in September 2008 with the U.S. Army Reserve for the second time in three years. He is stationed at Ft. Bliss, El Paso, Texas, as the non-commissioned officer in charge of the laboratory section of the Soldier Readiness Processing Center. He was promoted to Sergeant First Class in November 2008 and is his 18th year of service with the military. In civilian life, he is an assistant professor of education at Upper Iowa University, Fayette.

1983

KAREN PETERSEN BERG, Miami, Fla., was promoted to vice president of sales for North America for Air France Industries and KLM Engineering and Maintenance.

DIANE SHARP JOHNSON, Yukon, Okla., received National Board Certification in November 2008. She has taught elementary music for 18 years at Mustang Trails Elementary, Mustang.

TIM KURTT, St. Paul, Minn., was a tennis line judge at the 2009 Wimbledon Championship in London, England. He has served at three previous Wimbledon events as well as the Australian Open and the 2008 Beijing Olympics.

1985

TIMOTHY HORNSETH, Rochester, Minn., was promoted to business department chair at the Minnesota School of Business. He earned a master's degree in human resources/industrial relations from the University of Minnesota. He recently completed his 10th year of playing with the Winona Symphony Orchestra, Winona.

SUSAN TUTTLE SCHMIDT, Wilmington, Del., is a senior director with Partnerships at Barclaycard US.

ELIZABETH WAGNER SIMMER, St. Paul, Minn., is president of the Saint Paul-Nagasaki Sister City Committee, the first Asian/U.S. sister city relationship. Her first introduction to Japan occurred in 1983, when she was a one-year exchange student from Wartburg to International Christian University near Tokyo.

1986

GARY T. JOHNSON, Tomball, Texas, was promoted to National Staff Officer, Branch Chief of Special Projects, for the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary. He will manage new technology projects. He has been accepted into the postgraduate certification program in international security at Stanford University, Stanford, Calif. Several of his Hurricane Katrina photographs have been published in magazine articles and books. His professional photographs, including several Wartburg campus scenes, are available at http://texas31.imagekind.com/GaryTJohnson\

PAMELA POLGLAZE and Barb Carter, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, were married May 2.

1988

KAREN THALACKER, Waverly, Iowa, received the top award for activity books in the 2008 Moonbeam Children's Book Awards for *Gigi Knits... and Purls*, the second book in her Gigi Knits series. The series, which teaches children how to knit, has won a total of three awards. Her latest book, *The New Lawyer's Handbook: 101 Things They Don't Teach You in Law School*, was published in June by Sourcebooks.

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Joe and **LINNEA EVERTS LETO**, Bondurant, Iowa, announce the birth of Shelby, April 27, 2008. She joins Joey, 2½. Linnea is financial manager at The Iowa Clinic.

1991

JOHN LOOS and Bobbi Strong, Dakota City, Neb., announce the birth of Lindsey Leigh Loos, Dec. 31, 2008.

1990

WENDY MILLER COLGLAZIER, Golden Valley, Minn., is nationally certified in therapeutic massage and works as a massage therapist with Life Time Fitness, New Hope.

JANET KRUEGER HERREN, Charles City, Iowa, teaches second grade in the New Hampton Community School District, New Hampton.

KRISTINA FRUEHLING PARSON and Jeff Corbin, Green River Wyo., were married in April. She has completed a second master's degree in public school administration.

JODIE BERGAN and Terry Weeks, Des Moines, Iowa, were married Sept. 1, 2007. They announce the birth of Isabell Marie, Jan. 21, 2009. Jodie is a recreation supervisor for the West Des Moines Parks and Recreation Department.

LISA YUNKER, Dallas, Texas, is pursuing a Master of Arts degree in cross-cultural ministry at Dallas Theological Seminary. She continues to work part-time as a pediatric physical therapist with THERAPY 2000.

1991

HEATHER BURROWS FREEMAN, Pahrump, Nev., became a Master Gardner in May 2008 through the University of Nevada Cooperative Extension. She is the sponsor/adviser

Vogel Library will celebrate 10th anniversary

The contributions of libraries to Wartburg will be celebrated during Homecoming 2009 with the 10th anniversary of the dedication of the Robert and Sally Vogel Library occurring during "The Year of the Liberal Arts."

A reception to honor this milestone will be in the Learning Commons on the library's third floor on Saturday, Oct. 17, from 11 a.m. to noon. Invited guests include alumni who are librarians, people who have worked in libraries in some capacity, former library or Pathways student employees, college staff and friends who contributed to the successful Vogel Library building campaign.

This celebration will be in conjunction with the dedication of the Paul Striepe Veteran's Peace Plaque near the skywalk entrance to Vogel Library.

The event will recognize the role libraries have played in learning during Wartburg's 157-year history, from the classroom library collections at its former sites to the three Wartburg library buildings in Waverly – Homuth, Engelbrecht and Vogel.

A Sort of Homecoming

by Rachel Hoffman Wohrlin '93

When I recall my life-changing events, I can usually relate them to a U2 song. Coming back to Wartburg from Albuquerque, N.M., is no different.

Last October on a whim, I brought my then 11-year-old daughter to Homecoming for my 15-year reunion. She had never been to Wartburg – or even Iowa – and didn't quite know what to expect. All she knew had come from stories I told, pictures I showed or conversations she overheard.

She was prepared to meet lots of folks, see a parade, go to the Renaissance Faire and watch a football game. I was prepared for my usual, emotional Homecoming experience: watching the Wartburg Choir rehearse, catching up with classmates, reminiscing, seeing some changes and leaving Sunday with that familiar melancholy, sentimental feeling. What I wasn't prepared for was the degree to which my daughter would enjoy the trip.

When we returned to New Mexico, my daughter mentioned her trip – or Iowa in general – on a near daily basis. Soon she was asking to move to Iowa. I was stunned, and a different sort of homecoming dream was born.

And you know it's time to go
Through the sleet and driving snow
Across the fields of mourning
To a light that's in the distance

And you hunger for the time
Time to heal, desire, time
And your earth moves beneath
Your own dream landscape

My husband listened while my daughter and I talked of a plan to be in Iowa by the time she was in high school in 2011. While living in the home state of Shawn Johnson was a big factor for my aspiring gymnast, she also liked the idea of living in a small, college town like Waverly where she could make new friends, ride her bike and walk to a school where everyone knows each other. I liked the idea of living in an Midwest state known for its excellent education, having four seasons and being closer to alumni friends. My husband liked the idea of living on a tree-lined street, having a shorter commute to work and just seeing me happy.

Once in a while I would surf online for jobs in Iowa, but usually nothing jumped out at me. Then one day in April, I went to the Wartburg Web site (www.wartburg.edu). I saw the posting for a job in the Communication and Marketing Office doing exactly what I dreamed of doing: working at my alma mater, editing and writing. Six weeks later, I was sitting in my own office in Luther Hall.

I hadn't thought much about the word "homecoming" until I realized that now I will be in Waverly for Homecoming each year.

This is our home now. I am blessed to work at a place I love – filled with memories of my "glory days" and opportunities to contribute personally and professionally to the institution I love.

And your heart beats so slow
Through the rain and fallen snow
Across the fields of mourning
To a light that's in the distance

Oh, don't sorrow,
No don't weep for tonight, at last
I am coming home
I am coming home!

for the school garden and labyrinth project at Mt. Charleston Elementary School. She has taught first and second grades in the Nye County School District for 18 years.

Dr. **JEFF LINDAUER**, Buffalo, N.Y., chairs the department of physical education, health, and sport studies at Canisius College.

PAM OTTO LINDAUER, Buffalo, N.Y., is a teacher's aide with Mill Middle School, Williamsville.

AMY LEONHART LOCKHART, Denver, Iowa, received the Gold Star Award for Outstanding Teaching in Black Hawk County. She was chosen to attend the 2009 summer teacher academy in New York sponsored by Phil Mickelson and Exxon Mobile.

LANE and Tonya **GOOS**, Johnston, Iowa, announce the birth of Kaitlyn Elle, Nov. 26, 2008.

Marty and **JENNIFER STERK SMITH**, Omaha, Neb., announce the birth of Carson Joseph, Aug. 13, 2008.

1992

BOBBI JO MYREN BOGGS, McGregor, Iowa, teaches vocal music at Monona Elementary, part of the MFL MarMac Community School District, Monona.

MARK and Karla **DIGMANN**, Farley, Iowa, announce the birth of Ella Jean, Feb. 27. She joins Leah, 5, and Ryan, 2.

Jeremy and **DENISE LENNING HILL**, Bondurant, Iowa, announce the birth of Hannah Rose, June 5, 2008. She joins Johnathan, 8½, and Jackson, 6.

BILL and Tami **PETSCHE**, DeWitt, Iowa, announce the birth of Dawson William, Dec. 8, 2008. He joins Parker, 2.

1993

RACHEL HOFFMAN WOHRLIN, Waverly, Iowa, is the news director in the Communication and Marketing Office at Wartburg College.

DEBORAH ZIEGLER OMMEN, Strawberry Point, Iowa, is a funeral director with Leonard-Muller Funeral Home.

Matt and **ANN DOLPHIN ROLLINGER**, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, announce the birth of Chase Ronald, Dec. 6, 2008.

Mike and **JONI LORD SOJKA**, North Liberty, Iowa, announce the birth of Maya Elizabeth, March 2, 2008. She joins Nolan, 3.

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MICHAEL BECHTEL, Onalaska, Wis., was selected as one of 10 national semifinalists for the 2009 Shell Science Teaching Award sponsored by the National Science Teachers Association.

Dr. Carl and Dr. **GIA BATSON GRAY**, Stockton, Calif., announce the birth of Ariel Nicole, Aug. 3, 2008.

JENNIFER IRLMEIER and Ryan Handlos, Carroll, Iowa, were married April 5, 2008.

Dr. **STEVE** and **BETH ONSRUD PERRY**, DePere, Wis., announce the birth of Samantha Sarah, Oct. 28, 2008. She joins Katherine, 4.

BRIAN STOWE, Algona, Iowa, and PublishAmerica released *Wounds and Scars, a Seventh Cross Novel, Book II*. Written for adult fantasy enthusiasts, Stowe's Seventh Cross series is also suitable for young adults. It is available on amazon.com or www.bn.com.

1995

STEPHANIE SCOTT FOWLER, Denver, Iowa, teaches first grade in the Denver Community School District.

BOB and Christine **GILBERTSON**, Marshalltown, Iowa, announce the birth of Kyan Joseph, June 8, 2008. He joins Charles, 2.

Keith and **SUSY KUEKER POOCK**, Ankeny, Iowa, announce the birth of Ethan William, Dec. 29, 2008. He joins Andrew, 6, and Elisabeth, 4½.

DAN SCHARNHORST and Becky Kocourek, Oshkosh, Wis., announce the birth of Madelyn Bea, Jan. 27, 2009.

1996

Chris and **SARA CALEASE DEMUTH**, Ottumwa, Iowa, announce the birth of Avery Ellen, Nov. 24, 2008. She joins Brenna, 4.

MATTHEW and **ANGIE BUSCHE '97 HANSEN**, Mason City, Iowa, announce the birth of Henry Robert, Jan. 29. He joins Kylie, 6, Makenna, 4, and Janae, 2.

Todd and **LESLI EYESTONE LIEN**, Sioux City, Iowa, announce the birth of Sutherlyn Gale, Feb. 11. She joins Carolyn, 5. Lesli teaches fifth grade in the Sergeant Bluff-Luton Community School District, Sergeant Bluff.

Dr. **ANN MANN**, Denver, Colo., accepted a new position as a pediatric hospitalist with Rocky Mountain Hospital for Children. She recently completed a medical mission trip to Ecuador.

1997

SUZANNE BEHNKE and Jon Heseman, Urbandale, Iowa, were married April 18.

TIFFANIE HOLMES and Isaac Harris, Thomasville, Ga., were married May 2. Tiffanie earned her master's degree in rehabilitation counseling May 2. A Certified Rehabilitation Counselor, she is employed with the DOL Vocational Rehabilitation Office, Valdosta.

Gary and **SACHA RIDDELL LUNDGREN**, Fitchburg, Wis., announce the birth of Tessa Marie, Feb. 24, 2008.

Dr. **PAUL** and Dr. Magda **MELCHERT**, Tampa, Fla., announce the birth of Isabel Eileen, June 3, 2008.

MELISSA PRIMUS, Des Moines, Iowa, is an account executive with Diversified Management Services.

DAVE and **LEIGH YEAKEY WELANDER**, Shawano, Wis., announce the birth of Micah David, Nov. 5, 2008. He joins Marcus, 8, Lauren 6½, and Isaac, 3. Leigh is the minister of family life with Zion Lutheran Church.

1998

AMY JOHNSON ANDERSON, Elk River, Minn., is a mental health therapist with the Central Minnesota Mental Health Center, Monticello.

SCOTT and Erin **CORDES**, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, announce the birth of Owen Scott, July 22, 2008. He joins Kate, 4.

SARAH ALBERTSON-CORKERY and Chris Corkery, Cedar Falls, Iowa, announce the birth of Jude, Feb. 15. He joins Lucy, 2½.

JEFF BRITTEN and **RACHEL HILL BRITTEN '99**, Ames, Iowa, announce the birth of Kora Daisy, Jan. 23. She joins Jada, 2. Jeff is a crop/hail insurance representative. Rachel is a vaccine specialty representative with Merck.

JAMIE CRAIG and Mandy Feick, Fontanelle, Iowa, announce the birth of Ellington Lee, June 17, 2008. Jamie is a middle school band director and technology teacher in the Nodaway Valley Middle School.

Richard and **AMY JOHNSON FERTIG**, Brighton, Colo., announce the birth of Jonah Richard, June 2, 2008. He joins Jack, 3, and Jordan, 1.

MATT and Jennifer **FISCHER**, Urbandale, Iowa, announce the birth of Tytan Dane, June 20, 2008. He joins Malia, 3½.

KARRIS GOLDEN, Shell Rock, Iowa, is the executive editor at W&A Publishing, Cedar Falls. The firm publishes materials for the financial sector geared to educating and assisting serious traders and market participants.

BRANDON JOHNSON and **SHELLY WILLIAMS JOHNSON '02**, Ankeny, Iowa, announce the birth of Gus Michael, Jan. 13.

Entz named Assistant Coach of Year

Matthew Entz '95 of Winona, Minn., was named 2008 NCAA Division II Assistant Coach of the Year by the American Football Coaches Association.

A 14-year coaching veteran, Entz has completed seven seasons at Winona State University, where he is an assistant head coach, co-defensive coordinator and linebackers coach. The award recognized coaching excellence as well as service to the community.

Entz coordinates the team's community volunteer efforts through Winona Volunteer Services, a nonprofit organization providing emergency assistance and relief to county residents. He also is involved in the Clean the Creek Program, which removes trash and debris along a local exercise path, volunteers at an annual high school football camp in the Milwaukee Public Schools and has collaborated on the Warrior Football Leadership Council, which develops a summer youth football camp.

Entz's defense consistently ranks at the top of the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Athletic Conference in total defense, run defense, points allowed and was in the nation's top 10 for turnover margin during the past two seasons. He has coached 18 first team all-conference defensive players, three first team All-Americans, five straight conference Defensive Players of the Year and one conference Newcomer of the Year.

MITCH LAURES and **JEANETTE OLSON LAURES '00**, New Hampton, Iowa, announce the birth of Sydney Grace, July 8, 2008.

Dr. **CARI LYLE** and Dr. Nicholas Khoo, Pittsburg, Pa., were married Nov. 24, 2007.

David and **SARAH THOMAS MORGAN**, Mason City, Iowa, announce the birth of Jack William, Oct. 5, 2008.

Fryar named top financial adviser in Iowa

Matthew Fryar '97, senior vice president with Wells Fargo Investments, is ranked by *Barron's* as Iowa's No. 1 financial adviser and among the top 1,000 in the nation.

The weekly magazine published the "Top 1,000 Financial Advisers" list in its Feb. 9 issue, based on assets under management, revenue generated for the firm, quality of service and regulatory records.

"At 34, Matthew Fryar is usually the youngest guy in the room," stated the article. "And youth, he figures, is definitely an asset that clients can appreciate."

"The clients look at me and see that I'll be around for a long time," Fryar told the magazine. "They won't have to change advisers over the course of the years." He added that he stresses investing and planning for the long term, looking beyond the day-to-day ups and downs of the financial markets."

Fryar has been with Wells Fargo since graduating from Wartburg in 1997.

DAWN LEYH OLMSTEAD and Dr. **MATTHEW OLMSTEAD '99**, Plover, Wis., announce the birth of Elizabeth Joy, Sept. 30, 2008. Matthew is an emergency room physician with St. Michael's Hospital, Stevens Point.

Ben and **KRISTA KLOCKENTAGER PALMER**, Helena, Mont., announce the birth of Nathan, April 30. He joins Nicholas, 1½.

PERRY PETERSEN and **LINSEY KLECKNER PETERSEN '99**, North St. Paul, Minn., announce the birth of Bennett Bryce, March 6. He joins Carson, 4, and Caleb, 1. Perry and Linsey work at First Evangelical Lutheran Church, White Bear Lake.

Jay and **TRACY DOP PORTER**, Colo, Iowa, announce the birth of Jonas Robert, April 2.

MARK and Maria **ROBERTSON**, Plymouth, Minn., announce the birth of Maximillian, Oct. 21, 2007.

Rick and **JACQUELYN BINGHAM SCHAALMA**, Juneau, Wis., announce the birth of Calvin Richard, April 8. He joins Megan, 6½, Tara, 4½, and Jenna, 2½.

KIMBERLY SCHREIBER and Mishan Han, Cottage Grove, Wis., were married April 25.

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Daniel and **HEATHER HUGLEY BELAIR**, Spring Lake Park, Minn., announce the birth of Calvin Daniel, Nov. 29, 2008.

JOHN and Heather **BERGMAN**, Jesup, Iowa, announce the birth of Jordyn Lynn, Jan. 23. She joins Kaylie, 1½.

JEN VICK BISTLINE and **MIKE BISTLINE '00**, Jesup, Iowa, announce the birth of Madeline Geneva, Dec. 5, 2008. She joins Joey, 4, and Harrison, 2.

THOMAS and Kristine **BOWMAN**, Bettendorf, Iowa, announce the birth of Maggie Audolyn, Dec. 30, 2008.

Heath and **SARAH NEDERHOFF BUHMAN**, Sumner, Iowa, announce the birth of Brady Michel, Jan. 6. He joins Alexa, 1½.

RACHEL CHAPUT and Kevin Mahoney, Highlands Ranch, Colo., were married Sept. 27, 2008. Rachel is a child and family therapist in Aurora.

Dr. **ANDREW GREEN**, Pella, Iowa, received the effective teaching award, one of four separate categories of the John Wesselink Awards for Outstanding Performance at Central College, where he is an assistant professor of political science.

Steve and **ESTHER BEINEKE HESSE**, Kewaskum, Wis., announce the birth of Madeline Sophia, Aug. 2, 2008. She joins Benjamin, 2.

HEIDI BERGQUIST INGLE-GILLIS, Caerwent, Gwent, United Kingdom, is a dual national after her naturalization as a British citizen on March 5.

KENDRA KEHE and Steve Merfeld, Nashua, Iowa, were married Feb. 7.

BILL and Stacey **KURICH**, St. Louis, Mo., announce the birth of Holly Elizabeth, Dec. 21, 2008. She joins Abbey, 2½.

RYAN REISNER and Lisa Flaherty, Fort Dodge, Iowa, were married June 28, 2008.

Dr. **ERIK** and Dr. **PATRICIA HEINS SORBO**, Greeley, Colo., announce the birth of Hannah Grace, March 23, 2008. She joins Sophia, 8, Zachary, 6, and Emma, 2.

ELLY MICHELS STEFFEN, Waverly, Iowa, is administrator of a new Continuing Care Hospital at St. Luke's Hospital, Cedar Rapids.

Matt and **EMILY BAILEY WHEELER**, Rocky Mount, N.C., announce the birth of Elijah, Jan. 16, 2009.

MARY WOLD and Jeff Leimer, Ankeny, Iowa, were married May 2.

2000

ERIK BOOK and Kelly Jameson, Miami, Fla, were married May 31, 2008. Erik accepted a new position in January as assistant athletic director of ticket operations at the University of Miami.

JOHN and Amanda **BORLESKE**, Verona, Wis., announce the birth of Sorina Sue, March 7.

Roger and **MARNI KOOB BRITTON**, Rice Lake, Wis., announce the birth of Abigail Maxine, Dec. 29, 2008.

Curt and **COLLEEN BEARBOWER FANGMAN**, Walker, Iowa, announce the birth of Garrett Joseph, Oct. 17, 2008. He joins Gavin, 2.

BENJAMIN and Alison **HERTENSTEIN**, Hinton, Iowa, announce the birth of Ellie, Nov. 8, 2008. She joins Ian, 3.

Keoki and **ELIZABETH ROESCH HUFFMAN**, Edgewater, Colo., announce the birth of Abigail Elena, Feb. 7. Elizabeth is a child protection caseworker in the differential response unit with the Jefferson County Division of Children, Youth and Families.

Paul and **SARAH LUHRS KALER**, Dardenne Prairie, Mo., announce the birth of Jonah William Collier, Aug. 14, 2008. He joins Leah, 1½.

JIM LICKO, Denver, Colo., is a 2009 graduate of Leadership Denver, a program of the Denver Metro Chamber of Commerce highlighting excellence in professional achievement and civic involvement.

Jeremy and **CHRISTA PETERSEN LOTTS**, Cedar Falls, Iowa, announce the birth of Karli Kay, Dec. 18, 2008. She joins Jered, 5, and Devon, 2.

Chad and **BETH JOHNSON MARCHANT**, Ankeny, Iowa, announce the birth of Kathryn Leigh, Feb. 10. She joins Christian, 3½.

Don and **CHELSEY SPORE McDILL**, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, announce the birth of Maxwell Gregory, Oct. 12, 2008. He joins Zachary, 18, and Ashley 17.

ERIC OLSON and **KERRI DOOM OLSON '01**, DeWitt, Iowa, announce the birth of Kyle James, Oct. 6. 2008. He joins Caleb, 2.

ANDREA SANDOVAL and Jared Christensen, Hiawatha, Iowa, were married Nov. 1, 2008.

HEATHER NAIL SCHMIDT, Ankeny, Iowa, is director of annual giving at Grand View University, Des Moines.

Dr. **MICHAE**L and Anne **SCHWEMM**, South Portland, Maine, announce the birth of William Parker, Oct. 7, 2008. Michael practices emergency medicine in Portland.

JOHN and **SAMANTHA MONSON SOUHRADA**, Waverly, Iowa, announce the birth of Lynston Jean, Nov. 26, 2008. She joins Austin, 3.

JASON STREET and Wendy Arp, Des Moines, Iowa, were married April 2.

STACEY STROTHER, Claymont, Del., announces the birth of Silas Xavier, March 3.

Alan and Dr. **JENNIFER HANCOCK WANG**, Westwood Hills, Kan., announce the birth of twins, Christian Alan and Kenley Anna, April 16. They join Davin, 2½. Jennifer is finishing her fellowship in pediatric emergency medicine.

Noah and **ERIN SANDQUIST WENDT**, Cambridge, Iowa, announce the birth of Harper Annie, Jan. 4.

2001

Brad and **JENNIFER HORSTMANN CAVANAGH**, Dubuque, Iowa, announce the birth of Samuel Robert, Sept. 15, 2008. Jennifer is a hospice nurse with Hospice of Dubuque.

Jason and **JANEL RAY DeZARN**, Randolph, Wis., announce the birth of Caleb Douglas, Aug. 22, 2008. He joins Hayden, 3, and Zander, 1.

JANELLE DICKEY and Derek Slegl, Littleton, Colo., were married May 18, 2008. Janelle is a toddler teacher with Kinder Care Learning Centers, a piano teacher, and accompanist for Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic School, Denver.

SPENCER GOETTSCH and Heidi Einck, Grimes, Iowa, were married Oct. 25, 2008.

AMANDA PORTER GREUBEL, DeWitt, Iowa, is the family resource center director for the Central Community Schools.

JENNIFER HARBAL, Medford, Minn., is a senior accountant with Interbank FSB, Lakeville.

MARK and **ANGIE WESSELS '03 HUBBARD**, announce the birth of Linde Marie, Sept. 14, 2008. She joins Wesley, 2.

KEEVAN SCHADLE KAESTNER and **ERIC KAESTNER '02**, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, announce the birth of Brody Edward, May 7. Keevan earned her master's degree in collaborative teaching in May from Graceland University, Lamoni.

Duane and **KELSEY WADE JOHNSON**, Farley, Iowa, announce the birth of Elizabeth Denise, Feb. 25.

Mike and **JENNIFER ESTLING JONES**, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, announce the birth of twins, Casey Michael and Isabel Lynn, Dec. 23, 2008.

LAURA O'CONNELL MAYER, North Liberty, Iowa, is an elementary teacher in the Iowa City Community School District, Iowa City.

NICOLE MIDTGAARD and Josh Green, Cedar Falls, Iowa, were married Dec. 13, 2008.

AMY NEAL and Ryan Kay, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, were married Aug. 9, 2008.

Dr. **MATTHEW OTIS**, Johnston, Iowa, is practicing family medicine at Mercy North Family Practice, Ankeny.

Dr. **BRANDON** and Corrie **PATTEN**, Suffolk, Va., announce the birth of Adeline Kay, Sept. 22, 2008.

Kory and **LINDSAY GANSEN SANDON**, Highlands Ranch, Colo., announce the birth of Colter David, Jan. 22.

IDA SCHIEBSTAD, Minneapolis, Minn., is a trainer in the child safety and permanency division of the Minnesota Department of Human Services, St. Paul.

'99 alumnus heads Iowa Democrats

Michael Kiernan '99

Michael Kiernan '99 of Des Moines was elected in January as chair of the Iowa Democratic Party for a term that will run through 2010.

In a news release announcing Kiernan's election, Iowa Governor Chet Culver expressed confidence that Kiernan would "engage the thousands of new voters inspired by President Obama to help elect Democrats across Iowa."

Kiernan noted that the 2008 presidential election cycle resulted in more than 100,000 new registered Democratic voters and hundreds of new activists throughout the state. He said the party's challenge will be to use new technology, social platforms and grassroots engagement "to keep these folks in the party, to bring them home permanently."

Kiernan currently serves as an at-large member of the Des Moines City Council but will not seek re-election. His term ends in January 2010. He managed the campaign of former Des Moines Mayor Preston Daniels and Culver's successful 1998 campaign for Iowa Secretary of State.

Kiernan said at the time of his election that Democratic public service is family tradition. His father was a Democratic county supervisor, and his mother served as secretary of the State Central Committee.

Inspired by service?

How did involvement in service activities at Wartburg impact your life after college? We'd like to know! Drop us a line at alumni@wartburg.edu.

Volunteers help fight hunger

Thanks to the efforts of the Wartburg College community and area residents, 507 children in foreign lands will have one nutritious meal daily for an entire year.

More than 1,100 volunteers at the second annual Feed My Starving Children event, May 2-5, at Wartburg, packed 185,544 meals. They needed to raise $29,750 to pay for the meals, which cost 17 cents each, and brought in $31,000.

The event far surpassed first-year totals of 540 volunteers, 108,000 meals and more than $21,000 raised. Its success led to a $5,000 grant from the Jenzabar Foundation in Boston to help defray administrative expenses. To accommodate increased interest this year, an extra day was added.

Student Coordinator Randon Ruggles '09 called it "absolutely successful. All the areas, volunteers, money and meals met and exceeded their goals," he said.

Minneapolis-based Feed My Starving Children is a nonprofit Christian organization that ships meals with vital nutrients to more than 60 countries. It was brought to Wartburg by Pastor Larry Trachte '66 and sponsored by Campus Ministry to bring new meaning to Spiritual Emphasis Week.

Event and Scheduling Coordinator Jean Buckingham '82, one of the FMSC coordinators, said, "A real key element of the Feed process is that they educate people while they serve. A (two-hour) shift starts with a DVD showing people where the food will be sent. The actual packing process goes quickly and people can feel a real sense of accomplishment."

"Hopefully this sparked interest in world hunger, and we will see the effects of that interest in the future," Ruggles added.

"Each scoop of rice I emptied into the bag was another six kids I helped to feed," said Shelley Hartman '11.

Learn more about Feed My Starving Children at www.fmsc.org.

Robert and **JILLIAN STRAUSS SCHOOLEY**, Haines City, Fla., announce the birth of Sean, Dec. 29, 2008.

TYLER and Mandy **STROTHER**, Hampton, Iowa, announce the birth of Eli, Sept. 18, 2008.

VICTORIA VAN ZILE and Shai Wise, St. Paul, Minn., announce the birth of Bonnie Claire Van Zile Wise. Claire was born Aug. 7, 2008, adopted Feb. 13, 2009, and arrived home from Ethiopia on March 27, 2009.

2002

NATE and Dr. **KARLA FLYNN '03 ADAIR**, North Liberty, Iowa, announce the birth of Sam Nathan, Dec. 28, 2008.

DEB BACHMAN, Waterloo, Iowa, is the director of youth and family ministries at St. John Lutheran Church, Cedar Falls.

Paul and **ALYSSA CONNELL BECTHOLD**, Nashua, Iowa, announce the birth of Henry Paul, March 2. He joins Mackenzie, 5, and Kennedy, 3.

Nicholas and **APRIL IMPECOVEN BLAU**, Larchwood, Iowa, announce the birth of Jay, June 10, 2008. He joins Elise, 2½.

AMANDA BROMAN and **MATT MULLINS '03**, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, were married in January.

Pete and **LISA TOMFORDE EDWARDS**, St. Cloud, Minn., announce the birth of Charles in March 2008. He joins Lily, 1.

Chad and **SHANNON PEARSON GEISINGER**, Grinnell, Iowa, announce the birth of Leah Sue, April 9.

JESSICA CHMELAR HRUSKA, Dubuque, Iowa, won the women's division of the May 24 Madison Marathon, Madison, Wis., with a time of 3:07.49.

Brian and **JANA HAHN KREGEL**, Garnavillo, Iowa, announce the birth of Seth, Jan. 7, 2009. He joins Kaci, 1½.

Ben and **ELIZABETH OSTING MATTHIES**, Boone, Iowa, announce the birth of Emmalynn Ann, April 22.

KRISTEN GIARD MEYER and **JEREMY MEYER '03**, Round Rock, Texas, announce the birth of Lorelai, Dec. 13, 2008.

Andy and **KERI HOUDEK NELSON**, Altoona, Iowa, announce the birth of Maverick Andrew, Oct. 26, 2008.

JOSEPH and **BETHANY WICKRE TANGEN**, Pella, Iowa, announce the birth of Tabetha, Nov. 24, 2008. She joins Thomas, 3.

ISAAC and **KAYTIE CLARK THOMPSON**, Fairfield, Calif., announce the birth of Abigail Faith, May 1. She joins Chloe, 2.

2003

ANDREW ARTHUR and Kristen Watson, Atascocita, Texas, were married May 16.

Matt and **ALENA LIST BAUMAN**, Anderson, Ind., announce the birth of Grant, March 9, 2008. He joins Aaron, 3½, and Nicholas, 2½.

KEVIN BRATLAND and Linda Getz, Lombard, Ill., were married April 3, 2008.

Wade and **DANIELLE LIVINGOOD BUCKNELL**, Waukon, Iowa, announce the birth of Blythe Kelly, Nov. 9, 2008.

Doug and **STACI FRIEDMAN JANSMA**, Dell Rapids, S.D., announce the birth of Parker Jay, Feb. 28. He joins Alexis, 2.

JESSICA McANINCH MORTVEDT, Waterloo, Iowa, is a Web producer with ME&V, Cedar Falls.

ERIC and Sarah **RIES**, Toledo, Iowa, announce the birth of twins, Hallie and Jenna, in October 2008. They join Kayla, 1½.

SUSAN THOMSEN, Grimes, Iowa, is a pharmacy technician with PharMerica, Urbandale.

Amos and **KRISTY SHEPPARD TOKHEIM**, Mankato, Minn., announce the birth of Alexis Ann, March 16. She joins Emma, 2½.

MIKE and Melissa **WOLTZ**, Anthem, Ariz., announce the birth of Mason Lee, Nov. 20, 2008.

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Mitchell and **KIRA JOHNSON ANDERSON**, Faribault, Minn., announce the birth of Claire Mae, Nov. 26, 2008.

SCOTT ARTHUR and Kristen Johnson, Edgewood, Iowa, were married March 7.

MAGGIE GIBNEY ATKINSON, Maquoketa, Iowa, is part-time director of youth ministries at First Lutheran Church along with her duties as year-round

program director at Camp Shalom in Maquoketa.

ANNA CASTEEL, Ankeny, Iowa, graduated in May 2008 with a Master of Public Policy degree from the University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls.

NICOLE SCHMIDT COX, Republic, Mo., received her Juris Doctorate degree on May 16 from Drake University Law School, Des Moines, Iowa.

LONNA FIELD, Minneapolis, Minn., is an associate in ministry for exploring our gifts with Augsburg College and a mentor coordinator with Little Earth of United Tribes for the Boys and Girls Club of the Twin Cities.

Dr. **TIM GEARHART**, Independence, Iowa, graduated from Palmer College of Chiropractic, Oct. 24, 2008.

Capt. **SARAH GIBBONS**, Lacey, Wash., is in neurology residency training at Madigan Army Medical Center, Tacoma.

AMANDA HOFER, Quincy, Mass., is a medical dosimetrist involved with radiation oncology at Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston.

ERIC JOHNSON and Jennifer Ross, Rochester, Minn., were married Aug. 2, 2008.

JOSHUA JUDISCH and **SARAH ROBERTS '08**, Waverly, Iowa, were married July 12, 2008.

KARI KROGMAN and **MATT SCHERBRING '06**, Lisbon, Iowa, were married Dec. 27, 2008.

John and **ANGELA CONNELL LAACK**, Mason City, Iowa, announce the birth of Issaiah, May 22, 2008.

ERIC MUHLE and Lindsey Keefer, Denver, Colo., were married May 23. Eric is an aerospace engineer with Lockheed Martin.

Ryan and **ABBY RODEMEYER PERSON**, North Liberty, Iowa, announce the birth of Julia Elise, April 18, 2008.

JUSTIN PETERS, Fort Dodge, Iowa, is financial manager with the Fort Dodge YMCA.

DEREK RILEY, Nashville, Tenn., completed his Ph.D. degree in computer science at Vanderbilt University, where he accepted a position as a research assistant professor.

MOLLY SLOAN RODEMEYER and **TIM RODEMEYER '06**, Emmetsburg, Iowa, announce the birth of Sloan Maegan James, May 19, 2008.

Scott and **ANGELA SCHUT SCHAFFER**, Waukee, Iowa, announce the birth of Phoebe Crimefighter, Feb. 3, 2009.

JEFF SINKLER and Holly Grannon, Dallas, Texas, were married May 23.

MATT TOWNSLEY, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, graduated in May from Iowa State University, Ames, with a Master of Education degree in curriculum and instructional technology.

Aaron and **KARINA JORGENSEN VAN WYHE**, Milford, Iowa, announce the birth of Josephine March, July 29, 2008.

LISA VATNSDAL, Denver, Colo., was promoted to senior international human resources specialist with CH2M HILL, Englewood.

JEFF VOREIS and **ERICA POWLESS**, Huntingdon, Pa., were married June 23, 2009. Jeff is offensive coordinator for the Juniata College football team. Erica works at Standing Stone Coffee Company.

2005

NATALIE ANDERSON, Davenport, Iowa, is a technical writer/editor for TAXOM (U.S. Army) at the Rock Island Arsenal, Rock Island, Ill.

WHITNEY BALDWIN, Urbandale, Iowa, is assistant director of Generation Next Child Development Center, Johnston.

SARAH MEIDLINGER BELAND, Coralville, Iowa, is an adjunct flute instructor with Graceland University, Lamoni, Iowa, and Culver-Stockton College, Canton, Mo. She also has a private studio at West Music Conservatory, Coralville.

DANNIELLE BERG and Phillip Sayles, Bemidji, Minn., were married July 8, 2006. They announce the birth of Jasper Phillip, Nov. 14, 2008. Dannielle teaches fifth grade at Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig School in Bena, a tribal school of the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe.

BRANDON BRISSETTE is the head wrestling coach and instructor in the health, physical education recreation and sport department at Olivet College, Olivet, Mich.

ELIZABETH CARR, Cedar Falls, Iowa, teaches K-6 general music in the Dike-New Hartford School District, Dike.

Amanda Hewitt's Top 10 list for the Class of 2009

When I was first asked to be commencement speaker, I started off by thinking about what makes us special as Knights. With the help of some friends, I came up with the top 10 ways you know you're from Wartburg.

You know you're from Wartburg

10. If your wardrobe consists of a wide array of bright orange T-shirts.
9. If you feel no need to wear a coat in Iowa winters because you have skywalks.
8. If you know that "Joe's" is not a person's house, but rather a beloved local establishment.
7. If the phrase "Be Orange" has a special place in your heart.
6. If you shun anyone wearing blue and from Decorah.
5. If you hear someone say "wart-burg col-lege" and you automatically respond, "You rah rah rah".
4. If you know exactly what people are talking about when they say things like CF, the W, the FAC, or the Kondit.
3. If you associate the month of May with intramural softball, sand volleyball and Frisbee on Clinton field.
2. If every fall semester you look forward to one special morning, being woken up at 6 a.m. by people running around in their underwear.
1. If you can't help but smile and groan when you hear someone mention the word "tapestry."

Community engagement influential in Wartburg's move back to Waverly

by Linda Moeller

Seventy-five years ago, the Wartburg College campus stood empty for the second consecutive summer. The college had ceased operations at the end of the 1932-33 academic year after the American Lutheran Church voted to merge Wartburg Normal College in Waverly with Wartburg College in Clinton.

President August Engelbrecht wrote in his autobiography that it was "a time of quiet strangeness" on a campus that had operated continuously since 1879. Engelbrecht was serving as custodian and treasurer of the vacated property after spending 24 years as president and a total of 44 years at Wartburg. He considered it a sign of hope that the ALC had decided to keep the campus intact while deliberations continued about the best Midwest location for a four-year college.

Before operations ceased in 1933, Wartburg Normal College had enrolled more than 200 students. It offered an accredited junior college and two-year teacher preparation program, a proseminary department for students planning to become pastors, a commercial department with business and stenographic courses, a music department and an accredited high school academy. The junior college and teacher preparation program moved to Clinton. The other programs were discontinued.

The City of Waverly and Wartburg College have collaborated on many occasions since the college first located here in 1879. The city offered $4,000 toward building costs for Old Main when the college was established in 1879.

Despite the "quiet strangeness" on campus, a mood of optimism prevailed among college and community leaders. With support from St. Paul's Lutheran Church and local residents, Engelbrecht convinced church officials that the unoccupied campus was a perfect spot for the 1934 ALC national convention. The campus would provide lodging, meals and meeting rooms. St. Paul's would host convention sessions. The underlying goal was to bring the college back to town by showing delegates that Waverly offered more and better facilities than Clinton and was more centrally located among the ALC's Midwest congregations.

An alumnus of Wartburg College at Clinton called the 1934 ALC convention in Waverly,

"The most shameful piece of ecclesiastical skullduggery I have ever encountered: the removal of the college to a mudhole named Waverly, Iowa."

– recounted in *Still on the Move: Wartburg College 1852-2002* by Dr. Ronald Matthias '54

Women from St. Paul's spent the spring and summer cleaning the three campus dormitories where delegates would be housed. St. Paul's families adopted and furnished individual rooms in Grossmann, North and Wartburg halls with sheets, pillowcases, blankets, bedspreads and rugs.

The late LaVera Kromer, one of the church members involved in the arrangements, recalled in a 1984 interview that the local Penney's store provided towels for the convention at a discounted rate of 15 cents, and a volunteer laundered them every day. When the convention ended, the committee sold the towels for a dime apiece to convention workers, and proceeds went to the college.

Community involvement was evident on many fronts. The city provided additional lighting for the campus. A transportation committee secured enough autos to provide taxi service during the convention and to meet delegates arriving by train and bus in Waverly, Waterloo, Cedar Falls and Shell Rock. The committee in

Most recently, the city helps support the Wartburg-Waverly Sports & Wellness Center, which operates the city recreation programs and offers community residents an indoor pool, expansive recreational facilities and a health club.

charge of meals hired an experienced chef, who supervised cooking by a group of Waverly women described by Engelbrecht as "well versed in this work." Local Boy Scouts served as convention couriers.

These efforts and a considerable amount of political maneuvering resulted in a convention vote to move the college back to Waverly.

"The buildings were again put in order as usual," Engelbrecht wrote, " and while thus engaged, we looked forward to the time when they would again serve their original purpose, for in less than a year hence, they would resound with happy student life."

Mutual support characterizes town-gown relationships

College-community cooperation was important to Wartburg's move back to Waverly in 1935, but the town-gown relationship has been mutually supportive since 1879, when the college first located in Waverly.

- When the Iowa Synod decided to expand a teacher training school then located in Andrew, Iowa, the City of Waverly offered $4,000 in building funds designated for construction of Old Main.
- In the 1940s, local residents raised $100,000 for a campus expansion required for college accreditation.
- Waverly-Shell Rock High School shared its all-weather track with Wartburg teams until the college built its own track as part of Walston-Hoover Stadium. In turn, Wartburg shares Hertel Field with the Waverly-Shell Rock High School baseball program.
- Wartburg faculty and staff have played significant roles in the community. City Council members over the years have included August Engelbrecht, president of the college from 1909 to 1933; the late John Laube, longtime plant superintendant, and his successor, John Wuertz; retired food service director Don Juhl; and current City Council members Gary Grace, vice president for administration, and Dr. Fred Ribich, professor of psychology. Likewise, city residents have played important roles at the college, including local banker Fred Hagemann, current chair of the Board of Regents.
- Most recently, the city and the college have partnered in operation of the Wartburg-Waverly Sports & Wellness Center, which serves both students and community residents and operates the city recreation programs.

MALLORY CLAUSEN and Ryan Jensen, Waterloo, Iowa, were married Aug. 9, 2008.

KATHRYN POWELL CROSS and **SCOTTIE CROSS '06**, Des Moines, Iowa, announce the birth of Teagan Kenlee, Nov. 22, 2007.

BRYAN CURRAN and **KATI ROTH**, Bourbonnais, Ill., were married Oct. 25, 2008.

Brian and **CHRISTINE SCARLETT FISCUS**, Mound, Minn., announce the birth of Anna Marie, May 15.

LINDSEY FRANCIS and Brandon Schaecher, Norfolk, Neb., were married Oct. 25, 2008.

RYAN HOLDEN, Waverly, Iowa, accepted a promotion and internal transfer within Waterloo Implement. Now based out of the Waverly store, he handles marketing for the company's three dealerships and also sells lawn and garden equipment.

JENNA KINTZLE and Joey Lueck, Sherrill, Iowa, were married Nov. 15, 2008.

ERIN MANSON KIRCHHOFF, North Liberty, Iowa, teaches middle school/high school art in the Mid-Prairie Community School District, Wellman.

JAMIE KRANZ, Mason City, Iowa, earned a Master of Fine Arts degree in stage management from Columbia University, New York.

Ben and **ANGIE ALTHOFF KRUEGER**, Aurora, Ill., announce the birth of Elliott Paul, Sept. 5, 2008. He joins Caleb, 2.

HEIDI LAUER, Ankeny, Iowa, is a Des Moines-based account executive with ME&V, Cedar Falls.

Aaron and **MAGGIE ANGELL OATES**, Davenport, Iowa, announce the birth of Alexander Bradley, Jan. 28.

Dr. **JENNIFER OLTHOFF** and **DUSTIN HINSCHBERGER '06**, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, were married Aug. 23, 2008. Jennifer graduated in October 2008 from Palmer College of Chiropractic, Davenport.

PATRICK TOOHEY and **BROOKE RAUSCH '06**, Ashland, Va., were married Dec. 27, 2008. Patrick is offensive line coach for the Randolph-Macon College football team. Brooke graduated from the University of Iowa Doctor of Physical Therapy program and is a physical therapist at Southside Regional Medical Center, Petersburg, Va.

KIMBERLY WARREN and Nicholas Barbour, Des Moines, Iowa, were married April 4, 2009.

2006

ALYSSA BENVENISTE, East Peoria, Ill., teaches kindergarten at Fun-N-Fit Preschool, Peoria.

AMBER BOYD, Waterloo, Iowa, is a talented and gifted teacher at Logan Middle School and the Dr. Walter Cunningham School for Excellence in the Waterloo Community School District.

'Seniors' move near campus at Eisenach Village

by Saul Shapiro

Eisenach Village, a much-anticipated partnership between Wartburg College and Bartels Lutheran Retirement Community, moved from concept to construction May 28 when ground was broken for the housing development.

The 31-acre project will have 40 single-story condominium homes in its first phase on property adjacent to Bartels, but formerly owned by Wartburg.

Bartels has 55 years of experience in long-term care and more than a quarter-century developing independent living options. The project is being built by Ohio-based Epcon Communities, which has developed 140 retirement communities in 31 states since 1986.

Eisenach Village is named after Waverly's sister city in Germany – the home of the college's namesake, Wartburg Castle, where Martin Luther took refuge during the Reformation.

"Eisenach Village is yet another partnership between Wartburg College and Waverly that exemplifies our excellent 'town-gown' relationship," said Dr. Edith Waldstein, Wartburg's vice president for enrollment management.

The Eisenach Village homes will have six different floor plans and range in size from 1,100 to 1,800 square feet with a "pinwheel design." Four homes will be attached at the garages, but with a stand-alone exterior look. The homes are designed to be energy efficient, and residents will benefit from the convenience of a maintenance-free community.

Eisenach Village will have a clubhouse, workout facilities and walking paths, and it is close to the Wartburg-Waverly Sports & Wellness Center with its year-round fitness equipment and classes. For a longer stroll, Wartburg's new Max Cross Country Course is nearby.

NATHANIEL COUNTRYMAN, Algona, Iowa, was promoted to assistant editor of the *Algona Upper Des Moines* newspaper.

KATY DenHARTOG and Nathan Clapham, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, were married July 5, 2008.

RACHEL EAGLE and Bob Morris, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, were married June 30, 2007. Rachel teaches fourth grade at Novak Elementary in the Linn-Mar Community Schools, Marion.

MATTHEW FOX and Danielle Sloan, Waverly, Iowa, were married Aug. 2, 2008.

STEPHANIE FLYNN and Jordon Haywood, Albia, Iowa, were married Aug. 4, 2007.

JESSE GAVIN, Dubuque, Iowa, is a photojournalist with KCRG-TV9, Cedar Rapids. He will work primarily out of the Dubuque bureau covering news and sports stories.

BECKY TOWNSLEY GOEREND, De Soto, Iowa, teaches sixth grade in the Earlham Community Schools, Earlham.

STEPHANIE GOETZ, Davenport, Iowa, is marketing coordinator at the Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center.

ERIC HANSON and **LAURA GUTH**, Waukee, Iowa, were married in July 2008.

DAVID HILL, Des Moines, Iowa, teaches fifth grade at the Martin Luther King Academy of Math and Science. His specialty area is math.

A.J. HODGEMAN, New Sharon, Iowa, is a senior television producer with the Communication Research Institute at William Penn University, Oskaloosa.

SHEILA HOLLINGSWORTH, Waterloo, Iowa, teaches kindergarten at Irving Elementary in the Waterloo Community School District.

MINDY MORRIS JOHNSON, White Bear Lake, Minn., was accepted into the Master of Social Work program at the University of Minnesota and selected as a Title IV-E fellowship recipient.

JACK KAMPF, Milwaukee, Wis., received his Doctor of Pharmacy and Master of Public Health degrees from the University of Iowa College of Pharmacy and College of Public Health, Iowa City, Iowa. He is practicing pharmacy and completing a hospital administration residency with Aurora Health Care.

PHAEDRA MOBLEY, Waterloo, Iowa, teaches third grade teacher at Lincoln Elementary in the Waterloo Community School District.

BRIAN MORE and **BRITTANY BRUGMAN '08**, West Union, Iowa, were married July 12, 2008.

KATIE NAUMAN and Bret Larson, Ottumwa, Iowa, were married July 19, 2008.

Zachary and **KARI O'BRION RAMAGE**, Fredericksburg, Va., announce the birth of Kaily Grace, Nov. 23, 2008.

Dr. **ANNIE REIHER**, Jackson, Miss., completed the Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) Program at the University of Iowa, Iowa City, in December and was class speaker at the graduation ceremony. She works at Methodist Rehabilitation Hospital in Jackson.

DEB SCHINDLER, Williamsburg, Iowa, earned a master's degree in elementary education at Winona State University, Winona, Minn. She teaches third/fourth grade at Horace Mann Elementary in the Iowa City Community School District, Iowa City.

SHELBY SCHNEIDER VANDERWILT, Lake Mary, Fla., is a recruiter with TEKsystems.

AMANDA WEISS and Lucas Krause, Atlantic, Iowa, were married Sept. 27, 2008.

AMANDA WOLF and Benjamin Wetzell, Jordan, Minn., were married Dec. 29, 2007.

2007

LUCAS ASHLAND and Sara Brakke, Chicago, Ill., were married July 12, 2008.

Joe and **SUZY DRILLING COUSIN**, Waverly, Iowa, announce the birth of June Sophia, Dec. 12, 2008.

ANDREW MILLER, North Liberty, Iowa, is an ISO and inventory specialist with Evergreen Packaging Equipment, Cedar Rapids.

RYAN OLSEM and **SARAH ANDREESEN**, Marion, Iowa, were married March 14, 2009. Both mathematics majors, they chose Pi Day for their wedding.

CASSIDY PETERSON and **STEPHANIE HOWE**, Le Claire, Iowa, were married Dec. 27, 2008.

EMILY RADECHEL and Justin Askvig, Goldfield, Iowa, were married July 12, 2008.

JULIE SCHWEINFURTH and Ryan Swartzendruber, Chicago, Ill., were married Dec. 27, 2008.

RYAN WHITMAN, Mount Vernon, Iowa, is a 9-12 grade resource teacher with the Mount Vernon Community School District.

2008

SARA BICKFORD, West Des Moines, Iowa, is a management assistant with Enterprise Rent-A-Car.

BRIAN BORCHERS and Mandy Lundberg, Iowa City, Iowa, were married June 14, 2008.

ALANA DEUTSCHMANN and Paul Olson, Story City, Iowa, were married May 9.

ELLEN ENGH, Macomb, Ill., is a graduate assistant in the Office of Student Activities at Western Illinois University, where she advises the Programming Board and serves as house director for Sigma Kappa, an undergraduate sorority.

BLAKE GILLIS and Dr. Krystal Pogones were married June 6.

MELISSA HAGEMAN, Guthrie Center, Iowa, teaches 5-12 instrumental music in the Guthrie Center Schools.

MATTHEW HARDY, Perry, Iowa, is a secondary teacher in the Perry Community School District.

ALISON HARTZLER, Van Horne, Iowa, is a high school physical education/health teacher and assistant varsity volleyball, ninth grade girls basketball and assistant varsity softball coach in the Benton Community Schools.

ALYCIA HENEKE, Coralville, Iowa, graduated in May 2009 with a Master of Social Work degree from St. Ambrose University, Davenport. She is an emergency room social worker with the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics, Iowa City.

GREG HULSE and Jessica Steinberg, West Des Moines, Iowa, were married April 18.

COURTNEY JONTZ, Davenport, Iowa, is in the management training program with Enterprise Rent-A-Car, Moline, Ill.

Price's family pays tribute to 'extended family'

by Julie Price Barnd

Grant Price

The family of Grant Price would like to thank the Wartburg Community one last time for all the kind expressions of sympathy. We appreciate all the cards, e-mails and blogs rich in "Grant Price lore."

Dad's life was so full having been invited into the Wartburg community. He certainly had a wealth of knowledge and experience to share, but considered what he got in return to be "the better end of the deal."

Wartburg was his "retirement community." You took the place of the golf game he never played and the fish he never reeled in. You represented "life" after retirement, an opportunity to teach what he knew and loved – news broadcasting.

Dad was among the fortunate few who could say his career was not just a job but his passion. To teach new generations of journalists was a dream come true.

In early July 2008, dad was visiting in Cedar Rapids. When asked if he would like to drive through the flood-ravaged areas, he hesitated, then decided to see it firsthand. Little did we realize then that he was living out the last few months of his life.

As we drove through the streets of Cedar Rapids, he was devastated, saddened and surprised by the destruction. The sights were beyond words, beyond description even for an "old newshound."

Dad always seemed to carry a camera with him. This day being no different, he pulled his camera out of his jacket pocket and took pictures.

One of his final photojournalistic opportunities was capturing images too vivid for words. Dad would literally jump out of the car to take his pictures. He was not very steady on his feet and oblivious to the traffic around him. He just had to get the right shot.

Those photographs were never going to be used for a newscast or documentary material, but he wanted to capture lasting images of this historic event. They were personal and touching for him.

Those photos now rest with hundreds of photos he took. Many Wartburg family members are featured in his collection – students on campus, in the TV studio, in the classroom or convocations. He may have photos of your weddings or your first child.

Dad's photos of Wartburg students and colleagues blend in with our own family photos. You were his extended family. With all important events in his life, you also were subject to his "photographic opportunities."

We all miss Dad/Grandpa terribly, but he would expect us to get on with our lives – to be the best that we can be and give back far beyond what we receive. He will be watching over us from a far greater vantage point.

Thank you from the families of Grant Price – Julie and Mark Barnd, Laurie and Chris Kemp, Emily '05 and Greg Saveraid, Lucas Kemp, Andrew Barnd '09, Sarah Kemp and Matthew Barnd.

Broadcasting legend Grant Price died Oct. 17, 2008. He joined Wartburg communication arts faculty in 1990 and received emeritus status in 1996. His donations have funded the Archives of Iowa Broadcasting, the Grant L. Price Chair in Communication Arts and Scholarships.

Alumni Citations to be awarded at Homecoming 2009

Dr. H. Bruce Friedrich '58

North Liberty, Iowa

Bruce has been a leader in the field of physical chemistry. At Wartburg, he was manager of KWAR, while carrying chemistry and mathematics majors. He earned a master's degree with distinction and a doctorate in physical chemistry from the University of Iowa, followed by post-doctoral research at the University of California and an assistant professorship at Gustavus Adolphus College. He returned to the University of Iowa, on a "temporary basis," becoming chairman of the department of chemistry 10 years later. He was an atomic energy consultant to the U.S. Department of Energy regarding remediation of nuclear weapons production facilities, domestically and internationally. He later became a senior scientist at Concurrent Technologies Corporation in Johnstown, Pa. In Iowa City, Bruce worked with the Alliance on Mental Illness for 20 years, developing an extensive needs survey that would lead to more housing for the mentally ill. Bruce was instrumental in construction of two nine-unit apartment buildings with supportive services for the mentally ill. "Throughout his life and career," wrote Dr. Erv Janssen '58, retired chief of psychiatry at Children's Medical Center in Tulsa, "Bruce has demonstrated and embodied the current four pillars of leadership, service, faith and learning long before these were highlighted through our current Commission on Mission."

The Rev. David A. Nelson '58

Waverly, Iowa

David has been a parish minister and a tireless fundraiser for the Lutheran church, Wartburg College and Wartburg Theological Seminary. He graduated from Wartburg College as sociology major, and then earned a Master of Divinity from Wartburg Seminary in 1962. After an internship in Burien, Wash., he served as pastor at congregations in North Haledon, N.J., Earlville, Ill., and Champaign, Ill. From 1985 to 1987 David was a regional director of American Lutheran Church's Commitment to Mission as it raised funds for its merger with the Lutheran Church in America. When that work was complete, he returned to Wartburg College as director of planned giving and then senior development officer. He was instrumental in raising funds for the Fine Arts Center, the R.J. McElroy Communication Arts Center, the Wartburg Chapel, the Rada-Aleff Classroom Technology Center and the Vogel Library, while assisting in fundraising for the Saemann Student Center and the Science Center. On behalf of the college, he spent 2,700 days and nights on the road, contacted potential donors, and increased Heritage Society membership from 623 to 1,035 in the process. After 16 years, David retired from the college and now works part-time for Wartburg Seminary development. "David left Wartburg a better place than when he arrived," wrote Carolyn Eggers. "The fruits of David's labors for the college will benefit students for generations to come."

Dr. Donald N. Oberdorfer '57

St. Paul, Minn.

The son of missionary parents, Don Oberdorfer grew up in India. He graduated from Wartburg College as an English major and was active in theater production, which would become a major part of his life. In 1961, Don graduated from Wartburg Theological Seminary, and then a year later received his Master of Sacred Theology degree from Union Seminary in New York City. From 1970 to 1972 he studied electronic arts at Chicago Theological Seminary, where he earned his doctorate. He served as pastor in East Boston, Mass., and Baltimore with highly diverse congregations with Italian-American, African-American and Southeast Asian populations. From 1972 to 1988, Don worked in the Communication and Stewardship Office of the American Lutheran Church. He created a prime-time video series, using Hollywood talent, that aired on 150 TV stations. He created, directed and produced Lenten and stewardship dramas as well as films, videos and written materials. Don is the author of *The Electronic Church: Myth of Ministry?* He was the ALC's communication representative to other denominations and the National Council of Churches. From 1989 to 1999, he created and co-owned Seraphim Communications in St. Paul, directing and producing videos for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, including a video curriculum for confirmation, baptism and stewardship. "Don ushered in a whole new era in which the church communicates through the media," wrote Dr. Harry Hinrichs '57. "The impact of his innovative work continues to this day." In retirement, Don returned to his roots as a volunteer at the Kodaikanal International School in India, where he was a student. He has taught drama, basic religion and directed school plays.

For more information on Homecoming and the Alumni Citation Awards, go to www.wartburg.edu/alumni.

TRENNA KUSICK, Waterloo, Iowa, is a copywriter specialist with Veridian Credit Union.

KENDRA MERKEL, Woodward, Iowa, is a resource teacher at Woodward-Granger Middle School.

LINDSEY BEGEMANN MULLENBACH, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, is a full-time clinical laboratory scientist with St. Luke's Hospital.

JUSTIN PETERSON, Traverse City, Mich., will begin studies in August at Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine, East Lansing.

ANDREW PRINSEN, Manchester, Iowa, teaches high school government in the Muscatine Community School District, Muscatine.

JESSICA RENKEN, Perry, Iowa, teaches third grade teacher in the Perry Community School District.

ASHLEY ROGERS, Dubuque, Iowa, was named head softball coach at Loras College. She is also an assistant volleyball coach.

AILEEN ROZAK, Hartford, Wis., is a first grade bilingual teacher at Lincoln Elementary School in the Hartford School District.

JAKE SHANDRI and Stefanie Fausel, Urbandale, Iowa, were married May 23.

TYLER VACHTA and **JESSI LeCLEAR**, Cresco, Iowa, were married June 7, 2008, in the Wartburg Chapel. They have begun two years of service with the Peace Corps in Burkina Faso, West Africa. Tyler teaches mathematics, and Jessi works with the Girls Education and Empowerment Program.

KARL VOGEL, Monticello, Iowa, teaches seventh grade science in the Monticello Community School District.

2009

JOHN SCHUTTE and Megan Boevers, Readlyn, Iowa, were married June 6.

CLINT WHITCOME, Waverly, Iowa, is marketing director for Allison Health Care Center and Elm Springs Assisted Living, Allison.

Seven comprise new Athletic Hall of Fame Class

by Mark Adkins '90

Five former two-sport athletes will be among those inducted into Wartburg's Athlete Hall of Fame Saturday, Oct. 17.

The annual dinner and induction ceremony will be held in the St. Elizabeth Room of the Saemann Student Center at 6:30 p.m. The seven-member class will also be recognized during the Homecoming parade and football game earlier in the day.

Induction is set for
Saturday, Oct. 17
6:30 p.m.
St. Elizabeth Room
Saemann Student Center

Biographies for the Class of 2009 are as follows:

BRIAN ALBERT '77

Albert played both baseball and football for the Knights, but his claim to fame came on the gridiron. During a career in which he never missed a practice or game, he was a two-time first team all-Iowa Conference linebacker in 1975 and 1976 and also garnered team Most Valuable Player honors in both seasons. Albert was also lauded on the national stage in those years by gaining Lutheran College All-American honors. He currently resides in Glenwood, Iowa, where he is a high school teacher and coach.

GRANT BEARBOWER '97

Bearbower played on the stout Knights' football defensive lines of the late 1990s. He was a two-time all-Iowa Conference first team honoree in 1994 and 1995 and gained team defensive Most Valuable Player and second team All-American honors in 1995.

Bearbower played for three teams that won seven-or-more games and helped begin the current run of 16 straight years of the same scenario. He recorded 79 unassisted and 95 assisted tackles during his career with 24 sacks. Bearbower resides in Burnsville, Minn., where he is a territory manager for Dentsply International, a dental supply company.

LANCE CHRISTENSON '93

Helping head wrestling coach Jim Miller build the Knights program into the powerhouse it is today, Christenson was a two-time NCAA Division III All-American during his career, earning a third-place finish in 1992 and winning the title in 1993. He was also an Iowa Conference champion during his senior season.

A four-year starter with a 111-36 record, Christenson was a captain of the 1993 team that finished second in the nation. He currently resides in West Des Moines, Iowa, where he is a sales representative for a medical sales company.

SHERI DEAN '85

Dean played on the volleyball court and softball field in the early 1980s for Wartburg. Volleyball was her signature sport, earning team Most Valuable Player awards in 1983 and 1984 and first team all-Iowa Conference honors in 1982, 1983 and 1984. Dean still holds program records for most sets in a season (1,167) and best setting percentage for a season (.973), both of which occurred in 1981. In softball, she appeared in 73 games and hit .208 with 40 hits and 13 RBIs. She currently resides in Rockford, Ill., and works for Lutheran Social Services.

DONALD FALLON '48

A four-sport star, Fallon was a three-time letterwinner in football and track and earned one letter apiece in basketball and baseball. Among his numerous achievements, he captained the 1947 football team, was awarded the Tofte Award as the outstanding athlete at Wartburg in 1948, and held presidency in the "W" Club and Chi Rho for pre-theology majors in 1947 and 1948.

Fallon later went to a career as the campus pastor for Kansas State University of Manhattan, Kan., and was awarded Wartburg's Alumni Citation Award. He resides in Manhattan, Kan., and is retired.

TRINA (STEINES) KNOCHE '99

Knoche was Wartburg's first female national champion in any sport when she claimed the 1998 NCAA Division III outdoor 800 meter run title. Her success in cross country and track and field went far beyond that.

Knoche was a 10-time indoor and outdoor Iowa Conference track champion in the 800 and 1500, a seven-time indoor and outdoor track All-American, and a three-time all-IIAC cross country selection. She was also a top 10 finalist for the 1998 NCAA Woman of the Year award. Knoche currently resides in Calamus, Iowa, where she is a banking and services officer.

KAYAH-BAH (PHILLMAN) MALECEK '99

Malecek was a four-time letterwinner in volleyball and women's basketball during her collegiate career. She averaged better than 10 points per game and is a member of the women's basketball 1,000-point club as part of two first team all-Iowa Conference honors and being a two-time team Most Valuable Player. On the volleyball court, she was a two-time all-IIAC honoree and finished with 835 kills while playing for four 20-plus win teams. Malecek currently resides in La Crosse, Wis., and is a stay-at-home mom.

To register online for the Hall of Fame Dinner, go to www.wartburg.edu/alumni/homecoming.html

In Memoriam

1931

HAROLD L. BRODERSON, Waterloo, Iowa, died Dec. 4, 2008, at home. He was employed in the methods department of John Deere & Company for 39 years before retiring.

1934

CATHERINE WALLIKER, Clinton, Iowa, died Jan. 21.

1935

The **REV. FRED J. LANDDECK**, Las Cruces, N.M., died Dec. 10, 2008, under the care of La Posada-Mesilla Valley Hospice. He graduated from Wartburg Seminary, Dubuque, and served congregations in Iowa, Wisconsin and California. He also served during WW II as a Navy chaplain and later as executive director of the Brotherhood of the American Lutheran Church. Serving on the at-large Lutheran Board of Higher Education, he cast the deciding vote to establish what is now California Lutheran University in Thousand Oaks, Calif.

The **REV. BRUNO SCHLACHTENHAUFEN**, Sun Prairie, Wis., died March 31 at home. A graduate of Wartburg Seminary, Dubuque, he served congregations of the American Lutheran Church in Iowa and Wisconsin. He was bishop for the Iowa District of the ALC in Des Moines from 1966 to 1976. His survivors include his wife, Gladys '35, and son, Dr. Harold Schlachtenhaufen '63.

1937

EDGAR F. JAHR, Ocala, Fla., died Nov. 24, 2008, at Munroe Regional Medical Center. He completed his master's degree in physics at Kansas University. He served in the Navy in WW II and was a retired engineer from IBM, where he worked for NASA on Apollo Missions I - VI.

1940

LORAINE ECKSTEIN DICKINSON, Rochester, Minn., died Feb. 24 at Seasons Hospice. She taught music, math and English before her retirement.

1942

The **REV. LESTER JOHNSON**, Escalon, Calif., died March 2, 2008. He graduated from Wartburg Seminary, Dubuque, and served as pastor at congregations in South Dakota, Colorado and Los Angeles. As a hospital administrator, served in Texas, California and Florida.

1946

ALPHA STREMPKE NIELSEN, Ogden, Utah, died Jan. 10. She was in the first Wartburg College graduating class of parish workers. She did parish work for Lutheran churches in Oregon, Washington and California. After her marriage she and her husband operated a home-building business. She held several offices in national and local Home Builders Associations and served as the first woman president of her church congregation.

1947

The **REV. ORVILLE O. LEHMAN**, Lincoln, Neb., died April 8, 2008. A graduate of Wartburg Seminary, Dubuque, he served congregations in Nebraska and as chaplain in the 134th Infantry Regiment of the Nebraska Army National Guard. He was past president and chairman of the board of the Martin Luther Home Society, Sterling and Beatrice, Neb.; past vice chair of Nebraska Lutheran Social Services, Lincoln and Omaha, Neb.; and past secretary of the Lutheran Student Foundation, University of Nebraska, Lincoln.

1948

DOROTHY DIERS PHILLIPS, Cherry Hill, N.J., died Jan. 25. Survivors include her husband, Clarence '52.

1949

KEITH T. HULLINGER, San Antonio, Tex., died Jan. 20. He did graduate work at University of Texas, Arlington, and in rocket propulsion at U.C. Santa Barbara and UCLA. His career included testing of gyro instruments at Bendix Aviation, and two years in the U. S. Army collecting data on heavy artillery. He was flight test engineer on the Dart Anti-Tank Missile for Aerophysics Development Corp., test manager on the TITAN ICBM for American Machine and Foundry, manager of systems analyses with Chrysler on the Apollo moon landing program and on the LANCE missle program for LTV, weapons analyst for Texas Instruments, manager of Weapon Systems Effectivness on B-52 Standoff Missiles for Boeing-Wichita, manager of Weapon Simulation and Combat Effectiveness Analyses for the F-18 fighter and the B-1 Stealth Bomber for Northrop Corp. After retirement, he taught GED classes and graduated from Cornerstone Ministerial Institute.

1951

ARTHUR F. MILLER, Muscatine, Iowa, died Jan. 30 of cancer at the Solon Care Center, Solon. He served in the U.S. Army during WW II. He was in the teaching profession for several years. He and his wife owned Gibson and Gibson Realty. Survivors include his daughter, Sandra Drucker '72, and son, Timothy Miller '75.

ENN TATAR, Kirkland, Wash., died Dec. 19, 2008. Born in Estonia, he escaped to Germany during WWII. After three years in a refugee camp, he came to the United States under the sponsorship of Church World Service. He taught mathematics at Iowa State College, Ames; Friends Academy, Locust Valley, N.Y.; and Lakeside School, Seattle, Wash. He completed fellowships at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, at the University of Chicago and at Harvard University, where he earned an M. Ed. degree.

1952

RAYMOND DEWEERTH, Tucson, Ariz., died Feb. 27. He taught for 35 years at Waukegan West High School, Waukegan, Ill., before his retirement and served as chairman of the board for Consumers Credit Union in Waukegan for 25 years.

1953

DONALD W. RACHUT, North Mankato, Minn., died Sept. 24, 2008, at Immanuel St. Joseph's Hospital. He was a combat veteran with the U.S. Army during WW II and earned a law degree from Drake University. He served as a student counselor at Mankato West High School. His alumni survivors include his son, Eric '70, daughter, Sonja '70, and son-in-law, Hans Hanson '70.

1955

LARRY D. BROWNSON, Janesville, Iowa, died Jan. 7 at Country View Care Center, Waterloo. He earned a master's degree from Northwest Missouri State University. He taught mathematics at Janesville Consolidated High School for 30 years and coached wrestling for 15 years before his retirement in 1994. He also served for many years as announcer for Janesville wrestling meets and football games.

DR. OWEN C. JENSEN, San Francisco, Calif., died April 20, 2006.

The **REV. RONALD E. RETZLAFF**, Rochester, Mich., died Dec. 22, 2008.

1956

ROBERT L. FIELDING, McKinleyville, Calif., died Nov. 24, 2008, at home. He served in Japan in the Army Air Corps and worked in the Patent Office in Washington, D.C., prior to enrolling at Wartburg. He taught school in New Hampshire and New Jersey, was a counselor for Massachusetts Job Service, worked for the Better Business Bureau of the Southland in California, and became a licensed Spiritual Mind Practioner in the Church of Religious Science.

1957

GLORIA SCHLANGE SUPPLEE, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, died March 11 at Living Center West. She was a special education teacher for 20 years at Kennedy High School.

1958

HENRY G. FLESSNER, Leawood, Kan., died Jan. 5 at Clare Bridge of Leawood. He graduated from Wartburg Seminary, Dubuque. He served congregations in South Dakota, Iowa, Missouri and Nebraska and as chaplain at Nevada State Hospital in Nevada, Mo. He retired in 2007.

WENDELL H. MATTHIAS, Denver, Iowa, died at home Dec. 26, 2008, of cardiac amyloidosis. He farmed in the Denver area prior to his retirement in October 1996 and was a veteran of four years of service in the Army Reserves. He was a member of the National Leadership Committee for the Wartburg Design for Tomorrow fundraising campaign. He received the the Governor's Volunteer Award in 1991 for his volunteer work in the Denver schools and was awarded the Coleman Honorary Award from the Iowa Lions Foundation. Alumni suvivors include his wife, Elaine '59; daughter, Wendy Lamos '82; son, Brent '92; and grandchildren, Matthew '06 and Megan '09 Lamos.

1961

DUANE R. HANNA, Woden, Iowa, died Dec. 20, 2008, in a car accident. He served in the Army for two years and was employed by the Tipton Power Plant for 31 years before his retirement. For the past nine years, he and his wife served with the Mobile Missionary Assistant Program and built churches and camps from Alaska to Florida.

BURDEAN BERNDT SCHULTZ, Oshkosh, Wis., died Feb. 18 at home of Mylo Dysplastic Syndrome. She was the former executive director of Labor of Love Pregnancy Center. Survivors include her husband, Gerald E. '61, son and daughter-in-law, Phillip '84 and Julie Reynolds Schultz '84, and daughter, Rebecca Schultz Grahl '88.

1962

JAMES E. THORN, Council Bluffs, Iowa, died Feb. 16 at Jennie Edmundson Hospital. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps during the Korean War. After graduating from the University of Iowa Law School, he worked as an Iowa Workers' Compensation Attorney for 46 years. He was chairman of the Council Bluffs Parks and Recreation Commission, past president of Iowa Association of Workers' Compensation Lawyers, Inc., and president of Iowa Workers' Compensation Advisory Committee. Survivors include his wife, Mary '59; son, Thomas '88; and daughter, Patricia Becker '84.

GEORGE R. WOODRICH, Wausau, Wis., died April 10 at Aspirus Wausaw Hospital. After serving as a social worker and in children's home licensing, he and his wife opened Woodrich Real Estate and Auctions in the mid-1970s and became owners of the Sunset Country Store in 1979.

1963

R. JACK ABRAM, Waverly, Iowa, died Jan. 29 at University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics in Iowa City. He worked at Leuthold-Johannsen Clothing Store in Waverly and as a home improvement salesman with Sears before starting his own business, Abram Inc. He served the Waverly area for 35 years in retail floor and interior design, retiring in 2006.

DONALD DIETZLER, Waukesha, Wis., died May 16 at St. Luke's Medical Center, Milwaukee. He began his career as a physical education teacher and earned a master's degree from Northern Michigan University. He later worked in insurance sales, retiring as a sales representative for Blue Blue Cross Blue Shield of Wisconsin. He coached wrestling at Muskego High School and Carroll College and was coach of the Muskego Maverick Youth Baseball Team.

1964

LOIS KUHLMANN MEYER, Sacramento, Calif., died Aug. 13, 2008, at home. She worked as a surgical nurse in the field of reconstructive surgery until her retirement.

1965

ANITA BOLAND WENGER, Waverly, Iowa, died Jan. 29 at home. She taught in rural Iowa schools and worked in the aircraft industry in the Chicago area before moving to Waverly in 1946, when she and her husband purchased the Top Hat Cleaners. After graduating from Wartburg, she taught fifth and sixth grade math and science at Washington Irving Elementary School in Waverly from 1965 until her retirement in 1987.

1966

DR. DAVID J. FOEGE, Naples, Fla., died April 18 after a long battle with heart disease. After three years at Wartburg, he completed his B.A. degree at California Lutheran University in 1966 and subsequently earned master's degrees in public administration and business administration at the University of Southern California, a law degree from LaSalle Law School and a Ph.D. in business from Florida State University. He spent the majority of his career in Washington, D.C., before retiring in 1990. He became a pioneer in the field of non-embryonic stem cell research, undergoing three cardiac stem cell therapies in Bangkok, Thailand, that utilized his own adult stem cells. In 2006, he spoke at a Washington press conference organized to stimulate federal funding for stem cell research. His remarks are posted on YouTube and many articles about his experiences are available on the Internet. In his memory, his family established the David J. Foege Fund for Non-Embryonic Stem Cell Research at the Community Foundation of Collier County, Fla.

1969

JEAN NIELSEN URBANEK, Parkersburg, Iowa, died March 15 at home. She taught first grade and kindergarten at Parkersburg until an injury forced her retirement.

1971

LORENE OLTROGGE KRUEGER, Waverly, Iowa, died Dec. 30, 2008, at Bartels Lutheran Retirement Community. She began teaching in 1953 and spent six years in rural schools before joining the Denver Community Schools, where she retired in 1984 after 25 years of service.

1973

LINDA MEDBERRY FLANDERS, Tucson, Ariz., died Jan. 13 from ovarian cancer. She worked as a letter carrier for the United States Postal Service for 23 years, serving in Iowa, Colorado, Arizona and California.

1974

GAIL ELAINE BECKER, Doraville, Ga., died Dec. 10, 2008. Survivors include her father and mother, Lester '52 and Lois '52 Becker.

1977

MARIAN EGGLESTON PHILLIPS, Centennial, Colo., died Aug. 16, 2008. Her survivors include a son, Mark Phillips '08.

MICHAEL STUTSMAN, Riverside, Iowa, died Nov. Nov. 25, 2008, in a farm accident. He was a graduate of Iowa State University, Ames, and Evergreen State University, Olympia, Wash. He spent two years with the Washington Conservation Corps and the Forest Service in Washington State, working with bull trout and soil and water conservation. He co-authored a research paper on the impact of the environment on bull trout, an endangered species. He helped to re-establish salmon runs with the Yurok Indian Tribe on the Kalmath River in northern California. After his marriage in 2004, he moved back to Iowa to work on the family farm, raising organic produce and selling it to local restaurants and the New Pioneer Co-op in Iowa City.

2007

JAY BALEK, Cedar Falls, Iowa, died April 26 at Muse Norris Hospice Home, Mason City, after a six-year battle with brain cancer. He worked for Mudd Advertising. Survivors include his wife Lauren Semler Balek '07.

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LAVERNE W. ANDREESSEN, Waverly, Iowa, died unexpectedly at home on April 9. He earned his B.A. and M.A. degrees at the University of Northern Iowa and began his career as a high school business teacher. He was an assistant professor of business administration at Wartburg from 1975 to 1980, teaching accounting. He then joined the University of Northern Iowa College of Business Administration as an assistant professor of accounting. He received professor emeritus status in 2007, but continued to teach at UNI on a part-time basis.

DR. ROLF V. CRAFT, Decorah, Iowa, died Jan. 9 at the Season's Hospice in Rochester, Minn. of melanoma. He served as James Leach Chair in Finance and Economics at Wartburg from 1996 to 2001. He earned a Ph.D. in agricultural economics at Iowa State University, Ames, and served in the Army Reserves. Prior to Wartburg, he taught economics at Luther College, served as dean of business at Buena Vista University's Seibens School of Business and directed the Ronald Reagan Leadership Program at Eureka College. During the 1980s, he represented the Northeast Iowa District in the Iowa Senate, where he chaired the Ways and Means Committee. He served as chair of the Iowa Republican Party and was a member of the Republican National Committee. After his retirement, he returned to his first love, farming. For the past two years, he had participated in three melanoma research studies at Mayo Clinic.

MURIEL GAYNOR MOE, Cedar Falls, Iowa, died Feb. 26 at the Western Home Communities Martin Center. She was professor emerita of business administration and taught at Wartburg from 1965 to 1979 and again in 1983-84. She was a 1936 graduate of the University of Minnesota and earned her M.S. degree in 1945 at New York University. Prior to joining the Wartburg faculty, she taught high school in Bemidji, Minn., Wausau, Wis., and Waterloo and Cedar Falls.

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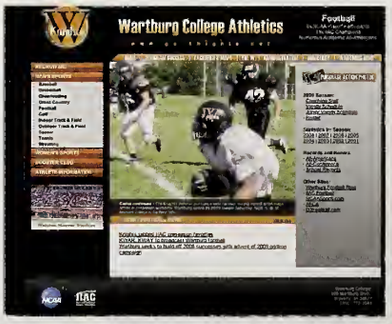

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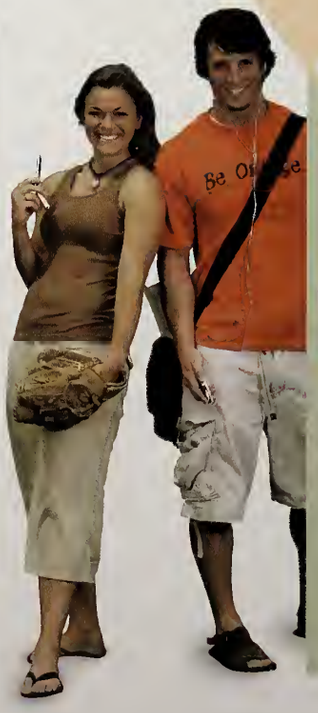

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Abhay Nadipuram '10 of Waterloo understands what the Annual Fund means for him and his fellow students. He takes full advantage of opportunities offered by Wartburg and embodies the four pillars of a Wartburg education — leadership, faith, service and learning. Abhay, our student body president, received a $10,000 grant from Davis Projects for Peace, enabling him and Rachel Coleman '10 to go to Guyana in South America this summer to supply materials to make bed nets in the interior to ward off mosquitoes and the scourge of malaria, which kills 4,000 children each year.

"Wartburg is a unique place. Students are driven to do far more than just be students. We're driven to be community members, volunteers, donors, athletes and leaders. Being in Guyana has made me realize what Wartburg drives students to do. It drives us to see the world and realize the lives others are living outside what we call the 'Wartburg bubble.' These experiences push us to give back by using the skills we derived from the experienced architects we call faculty." – Abhay Nadipuram, political science

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The Wartburg Web

Four-year-old Carolyn Lien stops to admire a huge spider web dripping with Iowa humidity during the summer in Sioux City. The future Knight is the daughter of Leslie Eyestone '96. Mom, Leslie, swears that Carolyn's Wartburg attire was a coincidence. Nonetheless, Carolyn's adorable smile is a captured memory for years to come.

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